



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Little Church with the Big Heart



The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2023

The Rev. Shawn Rutledge Presiding

Prelude: ORGAN

Processional: "All Praise Ye the Lord" #432 - The Hymnal 1982

The Acclamation:

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures for ever.

A Call to Penitence:

Bow down before the Lord. *(please kneel as you are able)*

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Silence)

**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.**

Absolution:

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.**

Kyrie:

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

Collect of the Day:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading:**Isaiah 51:1-8**

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended. Listen to me, you who know righteousness, you people who have my teaching in your hearts; do not fear the reproach of others, and do not be dismayed when they revile you. For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool, but my deliverance will be forever and my salvation to all generations.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm:**Psalm 148**

Alleluia! Praise God from the heavens; *

Sing praise in the heights.

Praise God, all you angels; *

Sing praise, all the heavenly host.

Praise God, sun and moon; *

Sing praise, all you shining stars.

Praise God, heaven of heavens *

And you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of God, *

By whose command they were created.

God made them stand fast for ever and ever, *
And gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise God from the earth, *

You sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, show and fog, *

Tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

Mountains and all hills, *

Fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, *

Creeping things and winged birds;

Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, *

Leaders and rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens, *

Old and young together.

Let them praise your Name, O God, *

For your Name only is exalted;

Your splendor is over earth and heaven.

You have raised up strength for your people

And praise for all your loyal servants, *

The children of Israel, a people who are near you.

Epistle:

Romans 11:13-24

Now I am speaking to you gentiles. Inasmuch as I am an apostle to the gentiles, I celebrate my ministry in order to make my own people jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy. But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted among the others to share the rich root of the olive tree, do not boast over the branches. If you do boast, remember: you do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." That is true. They were broken off on account of unbelief, but you stand on account of belief. So do not become arrogant, but be afraid. For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen but God's kindness toward you, if you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. And even those of Israel, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: Return to God (Haugen)



Gospel:

Luke 13:18-21

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

He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."

And again he said, "To what should I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

The Gospel, the Good News of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Shawn Rutledge

The Nicene Creed

**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. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Peace: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also, with you.**

(Please take a moment to offer your neighbors a sign of Christ's peace. This will be followed by some brief Announcements; and then we will offer blessings for any Anniversaries, Birthdays, Surgeries or Travelers)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: "Come My Way, My Truth, My Life" #487 The Hymnal 1982

Doxology: The Hymnal 1982 #380 V3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer D

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus: (Haugen)



(The people stand or kneel.)

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all, your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread, and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you; we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Bishop Reddall, Vicar Shawn Rutledge, and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember those who are daily in our prayers: Kara, Owen, WaWee, Ron, Elaine, Wayne, Bryan, Helen, Cheryl, Susanne, Rick, Jim, Marlys, Chris, Joy, Donna, Paul, Don, and Frank's family.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone, including; Allen Ruff, Joyce Schroeder, Rene Joy, Ann Slaybaugh, Alex Wyman Linda Clark and Frank Hotchkiss; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with St. Peter, and all the saints who have found favor, with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

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

**The Lord's Prayer:
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.

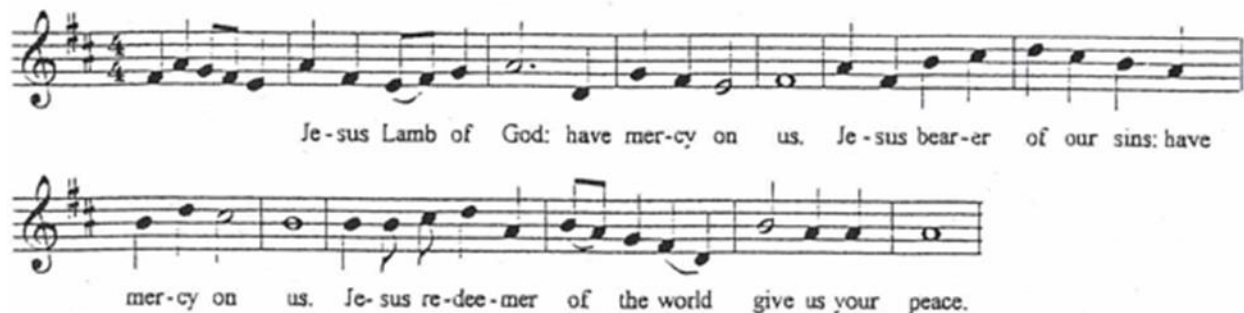
The Breaking of the Bread:

(silence)

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Agnus Dei



The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion: ORGAN

The Hymnal 1982

(If you are visiting, and you normally receive communion in your home church, you are welcome to receive at this table as well. If you are not yet baptized, you may come up with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing)

Post Communion Thanksgiving Prayer: *(Please stand or kneel as you are able)*

Let us pray,

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing:

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

Recessional: "Go Forth for God" #347 The Hymnal 1982

Dismissal:

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: ORGAN

St. Peter's Episcopal Church Prayer List:

Kara, Owen, WaWee, Ron, Elaine, Wayne, Bryan, Helen, Cheryl, Susanne, Rick, Jim, Marlys, Chris, Joy, Donna, Paul, Don, and Frank's family.

Repose of the Soul List:

Allen Ruff, Joyce Schroeder, Rene Joy, Ann Slaybaugh, Alex Wyman Linda Clark and Frank Hotchkiss

* If you would like to add any names to the Church Prayer Lists, email: prayers@stpetersepiscopalcg.org. Names are kept on the Church Prayer List for 1 month. If you'd like them to stay on the list, simply resubmit them. Names are kept on the Repose of the Soul List for 2 months.

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If you are new to St. Peter's and would like to schedule a time to meet w/the Vicar, please reach out to him via email: shawn.rutledge@stpetersepiscopalcg.org or by phone: 602-688-2273.

He would love to chat and get to know you; and If at any time you need pastoral care, please call the **Pastoral Care Line:** 520-483-4288

If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to the members of your Bishop's Committee.

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St. Peter's is situated on land that was lived and traveled on by many different tribes including: the Hohokam, the O'odham Jewed, the Sobaipuri, and the Akimel O'odham. We respectfully acknowledge and honor all tribal communities, past and present, for their ongoing and fundamental relationship with this land and this region.