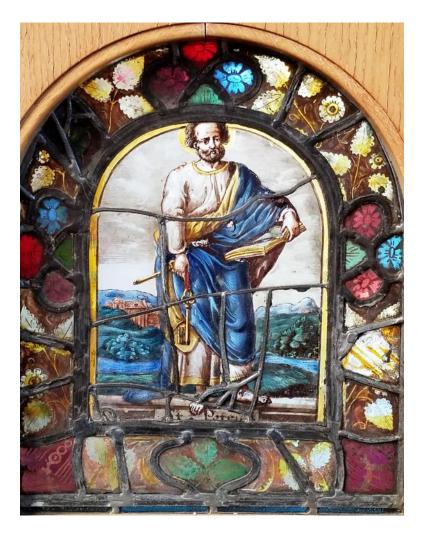
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: THE CONFESSION OF SAINT PETER

20 JANUARY 2019



THE CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST 9:00 AM - PAGE 5

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Actice of Annual Meeting and Elections

OFFICIAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 130TH ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BAY SHORE, NEW YORK, WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 20TH BEGINNING AT 9:00 AM.

The Agenda for this Meeting is:

I. ELECTIONS

- · ONE Junior Warden for a term of two years
- . THREE Vestry Persons for a term of three years each
- ONE Delegate and ONE Alternate to Diocesan Convention

II. REPORTS of the Wardens and Treasurer, and receipt of the Reports of Departments (by title).

To be eligible to vote in this election, you must be a member in good standing and fulfill the following criteria:

- You are at least eighteen (18) years of age by January 31, 2019.
- You have received Holy Communion in this church at least three times in the past twelve months; and
- You are a contributor of record to the financial support of the parish. This is normally taken to mean a pledging member of the parish whose pledge for the year 2018 has been fulfilled.

In order to serve on the vestry, a person must be a member in good standing, and fulfill the same requirements as that of a voting member of the parish. The additional requirement to be eligible for election as a warden is that a warden must be a confirmed communicant in good standing.

Nominations may also be made from the floor of the meeting, provided

- that the person to be so nominated is present
- · signifies the intention to stand for election
- · has fulfilled all requisite requirements as stated above.

There are no provisions for ballots by proxy or absentee ballots at the Annual Meeting.



WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S BY-THE-SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We extend a warm welcome to everyone, and especially any visitors who may be worshiping with us today. If you do not already have a church home, please feel welcome to join this Parish family.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcomed to the table to receive Holy Communion.

Our Services begin with the Opening Voluntary. You are invited to enter quietly into the spirit of worship as the music is played.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES.

— PARISH NOTICES —

TODAY WE CELEBRATE OUR PATRONAL FESTIVAL with a Festival Choral Eucharist. It is appropriate that we celebrate our parish and our patron saint by holding our 130th ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. Today's liturgy begins with the opening of the meeting and announcement of the elections. Following the service, the meeting will be reconvened in the Parish Hall with light refreshments and a special cake to celebrate our 130th!

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES on Tuesdays at 10:30 in the Library and Sundays at 9am. All are invited.

TODAY AT 2PM, OUR ENSEMBLE-IN-RESIDENCE ISLAND SYMPHONY will present their annual St. Peter's concert. Their program will include Mendelssohn's "Hebrides" Overture, Mozart Flute Concerto, featuring Joanna Lau, 2018 Young Performers Competition Award Winner, and the Haydn Symphony No. 97. Free-Will Donation, and all are invited!

TOMORROW, MONDAY, JANUARY 21 the Preschool and Parish Offices will be closed for the Martin Luther King holiday.

COMING SOONER THAN YOU THINK! ASH WEDNESDAY, THE BEGINNING OF LENT, WILL BE ON MARCH 6. The ECW will be hosting a parish brunch to conclude the Epiphany Season on Sunday, March 3 at 11:30am following the 10am Choral Eucharist. Beginning Wednesday, March 13 and continuing on the Wednesdays of Lent, St. Peter's will be hosting the Atlantic Deanery Lenten Program on the Presiding Bishop's program Embracing "Way of Love" to Open Up the Soul and Spirit. The programs will be on Wednesdays from 6 until 8:30 pm, and will include a Soup Supper each presented by the various organizations of the St. Peter's Parish. Time to get those soup menus together!

Financial Snapshot for the Week of 1/13/19						
Total Parish Expenses Per Week	\$7,465.00					
Donations weekend of 1/6/19	2,580.00					
LPL Transfer	1,865.00					
Amount under this week	3,020.00					
Year to Date Deficit	5,102.00					
Thank you for your annual financial pledge t	to the ministries of St. Peter's					

- PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK -

We pray for those seeking healing: Andrea, Anthony, Austin, Autumn, Betty, Bryce, Carolyn, Chris, Curt, David, Diane, Elinor, Ellen, Emily, George, Greg, Hannah, Jeff, Joel, John, John H., Joy, Kim, Manuel, Mark, Michelle, Nancy, Roger, Sarah Grace, Shanti, Sue, Theresa, Tria, William;

We pray for those who have died; remembering especially Margaret (Peggy) Cannon and Daisy Mendez, mother of Ralph Mendez; and all those grieving the death of a loved one, that they may they find comfort and peace;

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Christian, Eileen, John, Kyle, Robert, and Stephen;

We pray for the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer chronic illness, and for all caregivers;

We pray for our companion dioceses of Torit & Ecuador-Central; and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters, terrorism, war, famine, tyranny, or injustice;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Mary's, Shelter Island; St. Anselm's, Shoreham; St. Thomas of Canterbury, Smithtown; Hispanic Ministry Commission; Iglesia de la Santa Cruz, Brooklyn; St. John's, Southampton; All Souls' Church, Stony Brook;

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the United Church of Bangladesh; and the Dioceses of Liverpool (England); St. Asaph (Wales); Grafton (Australia); Liwolo Area (South Sudan); St. Davids (Wales) Llandaff (Wales); St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich (England) St. Helena (Southern Africa); Lokoja (Nigeria); St. Mark the Evangelist (Southern Africa); Lomega (South Sudan); Sunyani (West Africa); Grahamstown (Southern Africa); London (England).

ST. PETER'S BY-THE-SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH A GLIMPSE AHEAD

JANUARY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20 - FEAST OF THE CONFESSION OF ST. PETER (PATRONAL FESTIVAL) ONE SERVICE AT 9AM, FOLLOWED BY THE 130TH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING THE ISLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN CONCERT - 2PM MONDAY, JANUARY 21 - MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY (PRESCHOOL AND OFFICES CLOSED)

FEBRUARY

Thursday, February 21 - ECW Luncheon and Meeting - 11:30am **Sunday, February 24** - Music at St. Peter's Concert - The Art of Song - 4pm

MARCH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 - ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES AT 9AM AND 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 13, 20, 27 - ATLANTIC DEANERY LENTEN PROGRAM - 6PM THURSDAY, MARCH 21 - ECW LUNCHEON AND MEETING - 11:30AM SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - EVENSONG IN LENT - 4PM

APRIL

 WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 3 AND 10 - ATLANTIC DEANERY LENTEN PROGRAM - 6PM SUNDAY, APRIL 14 - PALM SUNDAY
THURSDAY, APRIL 18 - MAUNDY THURSDAY - SERVICE AT 7:30PM
FRIDAY, APRIL 19 - GOOD FRIDAY - SERVICE AT 7:30PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 21 - EASTER DAY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, P. 323

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn at the Procession

The Church's one foundation



Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) - Music: Aurelia, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Aurelia

The Hymnal 1982, #525

The Opening Acclamation

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

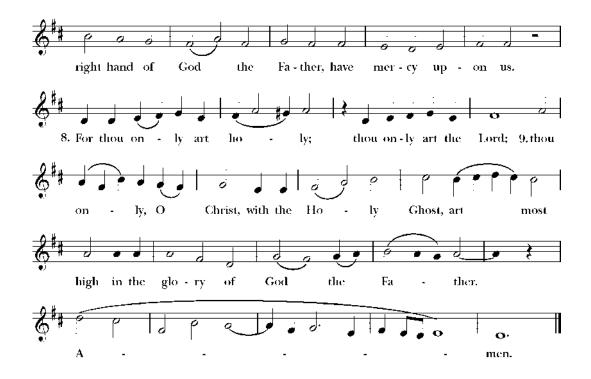
Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Song of Praise

Glory be to God on high (Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena)

The Hymnal 1982, S 202 Healey Willan





The Collect of the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty Father, who didst inspire Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep thy Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Acts 4:8-13

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus.

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

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Words Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877): para, of Psalm 23 Music: St. Columba, Irish mlody, harm Hymnal 1982

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 5:1-4

As an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it-- not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

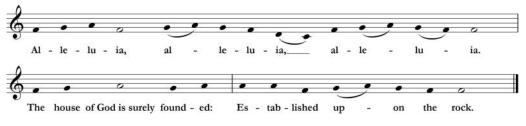
Lector The Word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings thou Lord of hosts My soul hath a desire and longing to enter in to the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young. Even thy altars O Lord of hosts, my king and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. They will be alway praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us. Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handy work, O prosper thou our handywork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. — Psalms 84 and 90

The Alleluia is sung first by the cantor, then by all. It is then repeated by all after the Cantor sings the verse.



The Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Johncy Itty

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.

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord, hear our prayer

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Lawrence, Geralyn and Daniel, Bishops of the Diocese of Long Island; and Johncy, our Bishop-in-Residence, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord, hear our prayer

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord, hear our prayer

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially the President of the United States, the members of Congress, and all regional and local authorities, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Lord, hear our prayer

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. *Lord, hear our prayer*

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Andrea, Anthony, Austin, Autumn, Betty, Bryce, Carolyn, Chris, Curt, David, Diane, Elinor, Ellen, Emily, George, Greg, Hannah, James, Joel, John, John H., Joy, Kim, Manuel, Mark, Michelle, Nancy, Roger, Sarah Grace, Shanti, Sue, Theresa, Tria, William; and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, hear our prayer

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Christian, Eileen, John, Kyle, Robert, and Stephen;

Lord, hear our prayer

For the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer chronic illness, and for all caregivers; . . . For our companion dioceses of Torit and Ecuador-Central, and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters, terrorism, war, famine, tyranny, or injustice; For the petitions in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week; . . . And for any other special needs of this congregation, I invite your intercessions now, silently or aloud.

Lord, hear our prayer

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; remembering especially parishioner Peggy Cannon and Daisy Mendez, mother of Ralph Mendez; beseeching thee to

grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Peter, St. Edmund, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Celebrant Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God,

All

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presider may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

The Peace

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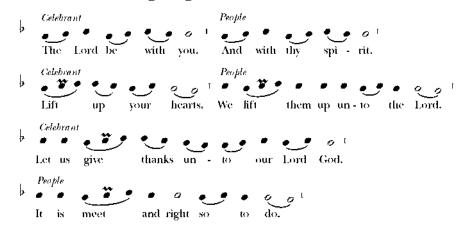
The Hymnal 1982, #599 The Hymn at the Offering Lift every voice and sing Introduction ż. . ٢ ø 2. Ŀ. 9. . sing till earth and ring, ring with the 1 Lift ev-ery voice and hea - ven 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the rod, felt in the chas-tening 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast er - ty. Let our re - joic-ing lib har - mon ies of -days when had died; yet, with a hope un - born stead - y brought us thus far way; thou who hast by thy the \mathbf{on} high as the let it re - sound loud lis - tening skies; have not our feet come to the place for which our wea - ry led us the light; keep us for in to ev - \mathbf{er} , Ď Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has roll - ing sea. sighed? We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been par - ents Lest our feet stray from the pla-ces, our God, where we path, we pray.

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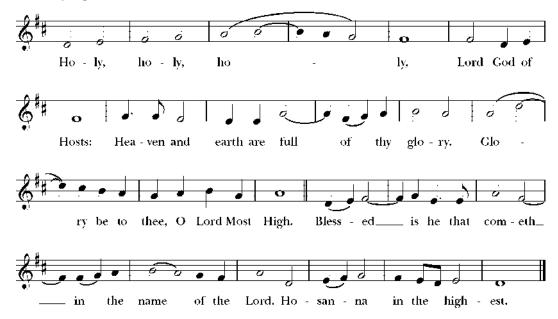
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The Great Thanksgiving



The Celebrant continues

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; through the great shepherd of thy flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even unto the end of the ages. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying



Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

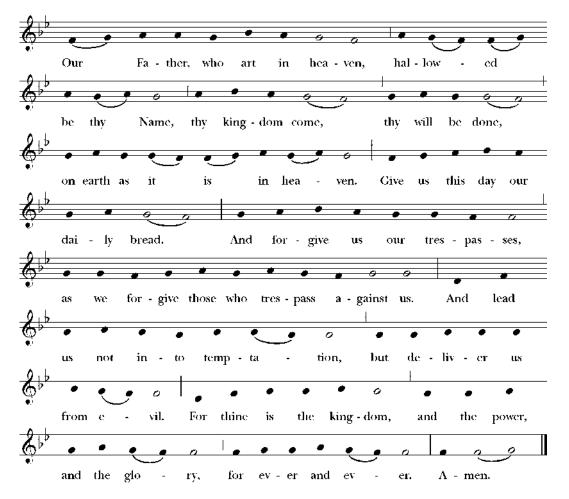
And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and

Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

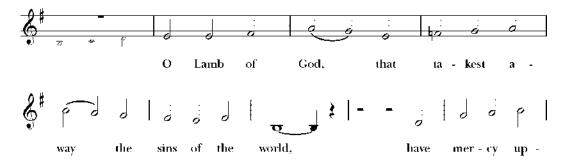
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

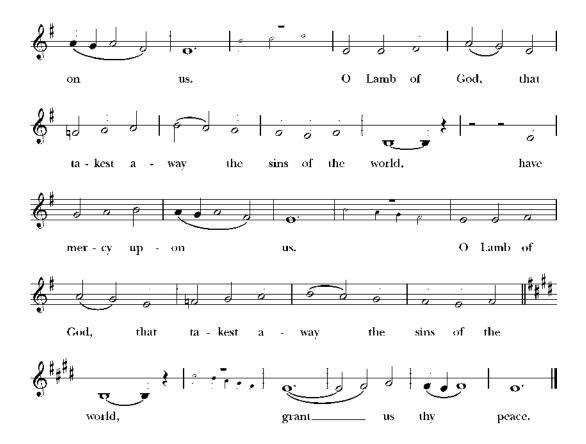


The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Fraction Anthem





Officiant and People

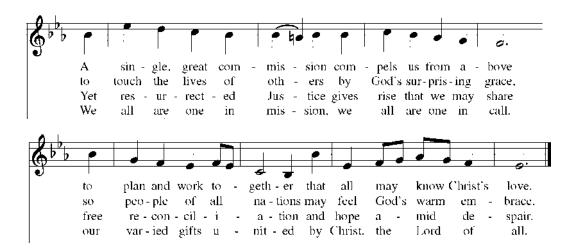
We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*.

Hymn at the Communion

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Wonder, Love, and Praise, #778

We all are one in mission



The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Prayer of St. Richard

Lord Jesus Christ, Most Merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, help us this day and everyday to see Thee more clearly, to follow Thee more nearly, to love Thee more dearly, for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

The Post Communion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #544 Duke Street

Jesus shall reign where're the sun



The Blessing & Dismissal

Voluntary: Rigaudon

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THE FEAST OF THE CONFESSION OF ST. PETER

In human life, names are important. Names not only identify us within a larger community, but they also remind us of our personal and family histories. They connect us to the past as we live out our lives, creating new histories and traditions for the people who follow us.

Today, in the life of our church family, we celebrate the patronal Feast of the Confession of St. Peter. The practice of commemorating a saint and having their name associated with church buildings and organizations is a custom that has been practiced for many centuries. Since its inception, this Christian worshipping community in Bay Shore, has assumed the name of St. Peter as it became a church, in the Episcopal/Anglican tradition, within the Diocese of Long Island.

St. Peter was one of Jesus' first disciples and is remembered as one of the pioneers of the Christian Church. Jesus, in Matthew 16:18, proclaims: "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Originally, a fisherman, Peter was from the village of Bethsaida, in the province of Galilee. He, along with his brother Andrew, was one of twelve persons who were chosen by Jesus to become his disciples. As a faithful disciple of Jesus, he is also remembered to have denied Jesus thrice, but repented, and is known to have become a powerful and outspoken advocate of Jesus' life, witness, and ministry.

We give thanks to God today for St. Peter; for his faithfulness and dedication to Jesus, and the foundation upon which we gather together as a Church, both local and universal.

May the strength of St. Peter's witness, and those of all of the apostles, martyrs, and saints of God continue to inspire us to accomplish great things for the kingdom of God, in this portion of the vineyard of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the Peace of Christ, abide with you always.

Bishop Itty



— 8t. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church —

A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

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We seek to worship the Lord as one loving family by serving our parish and community through prayer, music, education, and outreach