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Welcome to St. Peter's Church

Holy Eucharist: Rite I

The Confession of St. Peter

January 16, 2021

Announcements

In addition to food items, or as an alternative, toiletries are always a great treat for the Christian Caring Center. Examples include toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, dental floss, shampoo, hand lotion, toilet paper and tissues. The beautiful Faith Rocks that the Sunday school children decorated are being delivered to CCC since this is yet another way for us to show our love and support for those in need.

Acme & Shoprite Cards Educate the Students of Redemption School: Thank you to all who support the education of the students Redemption School, Haiti, by purchasing Acme & ShopRite cards from St. Peter's IOT. Please pre-order your cards by contacting Deacon Helen on Monday-Saturday by email, phone call or text. (dcnhelen@stpetersmedford.org; 609-238-0593). Both ShopRite & Acme cards are available in denominations of \$20, \$50, and \$100. Cards will be available for pick-up at following both services the weekend after your order. Thank you!

Donations needed: The Sunday School children will be making St. Valentine's Day cards during the second half of class time. These cards will be distributed to homebound parishioners and included in a gift basket for Weisman Children's Rehabilitation Hospital. Please bring in a donation for the basket for a boy or girl ages 1-17: Playing cards, Puzzle books, Coloring books, Simple toys, Magazines, Books, games, crayons, electronic games. Please do not bring in edible items.

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Presider says 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.**

Gloria

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The following is said, in unison

**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,**

have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit**

Presider 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, so 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.**

First Reading

Acts 4:8-13

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 5:1-4

A Reading from the first Letter of Peter.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

Gospeller 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Canon Valerie L. Balling

The Nicene Creed

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**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.**

Prayers of the People

Deacon or Presider

Let us offer our prayers for the Church and for the world, using the responses printed in the bulletin.

Leader

We give you thanks, O Lord, for you have called us to know you and to proclaim you. Lord, make us worthy of our calling; may we be faithful to you in our discipleship. Bless Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; William, our Bishop; Valerie, our priest; Helen, our deacon; Bruce, our deacon intern; and the members of this congregation. We pray that each in their calling may seek to do your will; that your church may be attentive to your word and seek to do your will, that we may share in the mission and saving work of Christ our Lord.

Lord, you are our strength. **You are our salvation.**

We ask your blessing upon Linda Huber, Sally Smith, Nate Eaton, Mike Nunn, Joseph Castiglia, Elizabeth Black, Eleanor Meyer, and Lois Semmel, who celebrate their birthdays this week. We pray for all who are seeking to fulfill their calling and remember all whose work has been frustrated, by evil or by accident. We pray for the underprivileged, the unemployed, for the work-weary and for the exploited.

Lord, you are our strength. **You are our salvation.**

Lord, make us aware that you are ever calling us to new ventures, new visions: you call us to extend ourselves. We pray for the communities to which we belong and in whose life we participate. May we see our daily work as part of our discipleship and discipline. Be with our nation in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, that we may confront one another without hatred or bitterness and work together with mutual forbearance and respect.

Lord, you are our strength. **You are our salvation.**

We pray for all who feel they have labored in vain, for all who have toiled hard and achieved nothing, for those whose world has collapsed around them. We remember all who have been recently made homeless, those who have lost loved ones or possessions. We pray for all who are frustrated with life, all who feel like giving up, all who through illness are unable to fulfill themselves, all who grieve; remembering especially Bob Johnston, Nancy Kriscumas and her family, Anita Beard, Nigel, Rob Courter, Ceal Schmidt, Helen Green, and those we name at this time:

Here, congregation members name those for whom they pray.

Lord, you are our strength. **You are our salvation.**

We give thanks for all who have been faithful disciples, who have heeded your call and obeyed your commands. We pray for those who now serve you with the saints in glory, especially Lillian Dow, Betsy Dow, Emily Glover, in whose memory the Altar flowers are given; Bill Schmidt, and those we name at this time:

Here, congregation members name those for whom they pray.

Lord, you are our strength. **You are our salvation.**

Presider

Lord, as you called the disciples, open our ears to your calling, open our eyes to your presence, open our hearts to your love; that we may hear you, and hearing you may love you, and loving you may serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ, the lamb of God. **Amen.**

Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Liturgy of the Table

The Priest offers an Offertory sentence

We are called to restore all people to unity with God and each other by being formed as disciples of Christ. Come to the holy table, where stories are told, gifts are shared and all are fed.

Please be seated while priest sets the altar to celebrate the Eucharist.

Presider All things come from thee, O Lord

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider

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,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

The Presider 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.**

The Presider then continues

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

Presider and People

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**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

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Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation to Holy Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from physically receiving Holy Communion.

Presider and those not at the church

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen. (adapted from a prayer by St. Alphonsus de Liguori)

For those gathered in the church, we will say the Prayer of Humble Access.

Presider 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.

The Priest will distribute the Host only to the congregants in their seats. If you do not wish to receive, please cross your arms over your chest to signify you wish to receive a blessing.

Post Communion Prayer

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 Blessing

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SATURDAY 5:00 PM SERVICE

Lector: Ruth Pogoda

Deacon: The Rev. Helen M. Orlando

Deacon Intern: Mr. Bruce Cecchini

Preacher and Presider: The Rev. Canon Valerie L. Balling

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