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Welcome to St. Peter's Church

Rite II Holy Eucharist
The Confession of St. Peter

January 17, 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, 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.**

Glory to God

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**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your 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 lives and reigns with you 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.**

Gradual Music

By all your saints still striving

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

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

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

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 to you, Lord 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 concludes with the following collect

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 also with you.**

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.

Offertory Music

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Presider All things come from thee, O Lord

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

Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

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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.**

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through the great shepherd of your 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 to the end of the ages.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim to the glory of your Name:

Presider and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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, according to his command, O God,

Presider and People

We remember Christ's death, we proclaim Christ's resurrection, we await Christ's coming in glory;

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Lillian, Betsy, Emily, Peter and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Be what you see. Receive what you are.

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 actually receiving Holy Communion.

Presider and those at home

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)

Presider and those gathered at the church

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The Priest will bring the Host to each member of the congregation. If you do not wish to receive, the Priest will offer you a contactless blessing instead. Simply cross your arms over your chest to signify your intention.

Communion Music

O Master let me walk with thee

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; for these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: a Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Send us forth from this place bearing the light of your presence in our hearts, minds and spirits, and empower us to share that light with everyone we encounter. 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.**

SUNDAY 10:00 AM SERVICE

Lector: Beckie McCammitt

Deacon: The Rev. Helen M. Orlando

Deacon Intern: Mr. Bruce Cecchini

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

Minister of Music: Mr. Brendan Moore

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