

# The Second Sunday after the Epiphany



St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Glenside, Pennsylvania  
January 18, 2025  
10:00 A.M.

## Gathering In Joy

### **Prelude: A Pleasant Thought, A Little Melody, and Adoration**

Florence Beatrice Price (1887-1953)

**Opening Hymn:** *Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS)*, #106 **Precious Lord, take my hand**

### **The Opening Acclamation**

**BCP 355**

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

### **Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Listening for God's Word

### **The First Reading - *Isaiah 49:1-7***

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength--  
he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

**Psalm 40:1-12** (*please use your red Book of Common Prayer*)

**BCP 640**

**The Epistle-1 *Corinthians 1:1-9***

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to  
be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in  
Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of  
every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you  
are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He  
will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus  
Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

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

*Slowly with expression*

1. Preachers and teachers would make their ap-peal, Fight-ing as sol - diers on  
 2. Have you that something, that burn-ing de-sire? Have you that something, that  
 3. I met God one morn', my soul feel-ing bad, Heart heav-y la - den with

great bat-tle-fields; When to their plead-ings my poor heart did yield,  
 nev - er doth tire? Oh, if you have it - that Heav-en - ly Fire!  
 a bowed down head. He lifted my bur-den and made me so glad,

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All I could say, there is something with-in.  
 Then let the world know there is something with-in. Something with-in me that  
 All that I know there is something with-in.

hold-eth the reins, Something with-in me that ban-ish-es pain; Something with-

in me I can-not ex-plain, All that I know there is something with-in.

### The Gospel - John 1:29-42

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this

reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Barbara Ballenger

**Prayers of the People, *Clouds and Glory***

*David Adam*

When the Intercessor says, “Lord God, you call us to serve you” the people respond, **“Be our strength in all we do.”**

*The Presider offers a concluding prayer*

Loving God, we offer you our prayers, some in words, others written in our hearts. Break open our hearts, hear our prayers and continue to give us your light, Christ Jesus, this day and forever. **Amen.**

**The Confession and Absolution**

**BCP 360**

*The Presider says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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.**

*The Presider continues*

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: God says: Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are mine. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **Celebrating Holy Communion**

**Offertory Anthem: There Is a Balm in Gilead**

William Dawson (1899-1990)

**Presentation Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS)*, # 227 We Shall Overcome**

### **The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B *(Inclusive language)***

Presider God 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 says*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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: Holy, Holy

Norah Duncan



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### *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 Father,

### **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 Peter and Philip 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.**

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

### The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**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.

### Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

Norah Duncan



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Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.



## **The Communion of the People**

**Communion Music: Give Me a Clean Heart**

Margaret Douroux (1941- )  
solo by Kathy Flaherty

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

**BCP 365**

*Priest and people together*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,**  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Sending Out*

## **The Blessing**

The Father, who created you, is with you;  
the Son, who redeemed you, is with you;  
the Spirit, who strengthens you, is with you;  
the Holy Three enfold you; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning**

In the name of the congregation of St. Peter's, we send you forth, bearing the gift of Holy Communion to...

**All: We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread and one cup.**

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

*Please stand in your pew when your name is called and remain standing through the Prayer.*

### **Birthdays**

<i>Carole Sweeney</i>	<i>01/21</i>
<i>Laurel Donovan</i>	<i>01/22</i>
<i>Lana Fabijonas</i>	<i>01/23</i>

### **Anniversaries**

*None this week.*

## Birthday & Anniversary Prayer

BCP 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Announcements

- **The Annual Meeting is on Sunday, Jan. 25**, when the parish will vote on the 2026 Vestry nominees and discuss the annual report. Nominee bios can be found on the St. Peters website. The Annual Report will be emailed to parishioners next week, ahead of the Annual Meeting. Printed copies will be available at the meeting and in the church office throughout the year. This year, everyone is asked to bring at least one non-perishable food item to church on Jan. 25 to support St. Peter's Food Cupboard.
- **The Mitten Tree:** We will continue our tradition of donating mittens, hats, gloves and scarves, both handmade and store bought for those in need. Fill the blue bin until Feb. 8, when Rev. Barb will bless the donations. Thank you Connie Clinefelter and Community Partnerships.
- On Feb. 15, there will be a book discussion *he Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Parishioners Lisa Moore and Betty Hilary will facilitate the discussion. Use the link in the newsletter to purchase the book now.

**Closing Hymn:** *With One Voice*, #650 *Siyahamba/We are marching*

## The Dismissal

**Presider:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People:** Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia

**Postlude: Toccata on Good News**

Carl Maultsby (1949- )

## Worship Ministers

**Presider & Preacher:** *The Rev. Barbara Ballenger*

**Acolytes:** *Alyssa Clemens, Rosalinda Ibañez-Memba, Brodie Memba-Ibañez*

**Lectors:** *Rick DeKalb, Anne Gibson*

**Intercessor:** *Matt Moore*

**Counter:** *Bill Hower*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** *Charlie Hannum, Debbie Panebianco, Mary Rivera*

**Ushers:** *Audrey Kipphut, Dave Kipphut, Mike Reeve, Jack Wilbur*

**Vestry Steward:** *Mark Evans*

**Altar Guild:** *Wendy Hartung*

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**A Collect for the feast day of Martin Luther King Jr.**

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

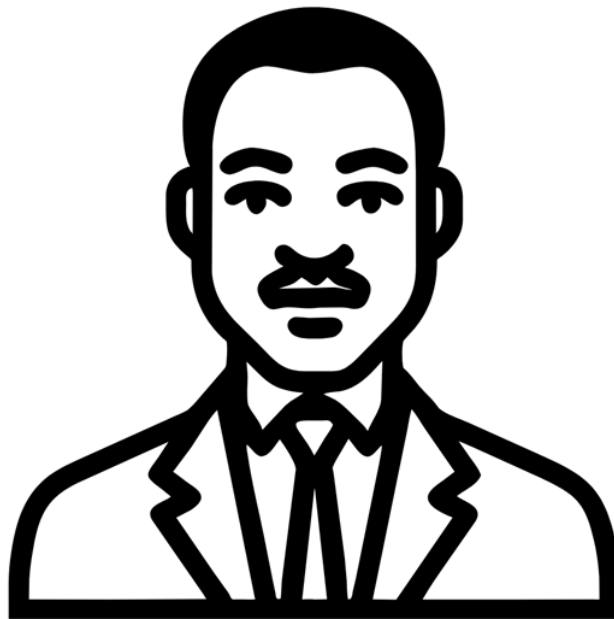
**In King's own words:**

God, we thank you for the inspiration of Jesus. Grant that we will love you with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and love our neighbors as we love ourselves, even our enemy neighbors. And we ask you, God, in these days of emotional tension, when the problems of the world are gigantic in extent and chaotic in detail, to be with us in our going out and our coming in, in our rising up and in our lying down, in our moments of joy and in our moments of sorrow, until the day when there shall be no sunset and no dawn. Amen.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

*From "Thou Dear God" Prayers that Open Hearts and Spirits by The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

"I have a Dream."



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