

# Come 4th Sunday!



The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Glenside, Pennsylvania  
March 22, 2026  
10:00 A.M.

*This Lent, please help us make space for prayer and meditation by keeping holy silence before and after the service as you arrive and depart the worship space. Thank you and blessings on your Lenten journey.*

## About Come 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

At St. Peter's the fourth Sunday of the month is **Come 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**. It's a time when we come forth in new ways to celebrate being the Body of Christ.

Children come forth to read Scripture and lead prayer, and to get a better look at what's going on.

Families come forth to take on new roles.

New members come forth for a blessing.

We all come forth to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, and we all go forth as his disciples – with God's help.

The Scripture translations are from the resource *God's Word, my Voice*, by Lyn Zill Briggs, *Church Publishing: 2015*. They are written in a way that is easy for young readers to proclaim and understand.

Our opening prayers are from the supplemental liturgical materials in *Enriching Our Worship 1*.

Our choir will lead us in songs that are simple to sing but full of meaning. When the words aren't written in the leaflet, we use the Blue Hymnal; the thin green *Wonder, Love and Praise Book (WLP)*, or the thin blue *With One Voice (WOV)* hymnal.

**And you can even color the front page of the leaflet. Crayons are available in the basket in the narthex. All ages welcome.**

Infants, toddlers and their families can hang out in **our soft space on the right side of the worship space**, which welcomes soft toys, soft activities and soft voices. Wiggles are also welcome.

Overall, this is a great opportunity to ask yourself, how can I come forth to serve Jesus in new ways this year?

## Gathering in Joy

Prelude: On This Day

Ethel Smyth (1858-1944)

Opening Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82)*, #635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee

The Opening Acclamation

EOW 1

Presider: Blessed be our God

People: For ever and ever. Amen.

Kyrie: *With One Voice (WOV)*, #601

Dinah Reindorf

*The Presider says to the people*

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

**Collect of the Day**

Dear God, you alone can help get us on the right track when we sin. Please give us the grace to love what you command and to want what you promise, that among all our ups and downs our hearts may be steady in you, our place of true joy, through Jesus Christ who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## Listening for God's Word

**A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel [37:1-14]**

God plucked me with his fingers and lifted me up. He set me down in the middle of a valley full of all kinds of bones, which were very dry. God said to me, "Do you think these bones can come back to life?" I said, "I don't know, God. You tell me."

"Tell these bones to listen. Tell them that I will cause breath to enter them so that they might live again. I will put cartilage on them and muscles and skin. And they will live and they will know that I am God."

So I told them that. And suddenly, I heard rattling as the bones came together into skeletons. And then cartilage formed and muscles and skin covered them. But there was still no breath.

God said to me, "Say this to the breath, 'Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these bones that they might come alive.'

And they lived and stood up on their feet. There were a lot of people all of a sudden standing before me.

God said, "These bones belong to the whole house of Israel. They think they're all dried up, and they have no hope of living again. But say this to them for me, 'I will open your graves, and bring your people back to life and to the land of Israel. I will breathe my Spirit

into you and you will live again as my people in Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord and that I have acted.' "

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

### **Psalm 130**

From the depths of my soul I have cried to you, God. Please hear my voice. Let your ears hear me and listen to what I have to say.

**All: With you, God, there is plenty of mercy and goodness to go around.**

If you were to count up everything anyone has ever done wrong, God, who would be left standing? But you are a forgiving God. And I am astounded by the forgiveness you offer.

**All: With you, God, there is plenty of mercy and goodness to go around.**

I wait for you patiently. My soul waits for you. As I take your word into my heart I can feel the hope. My soul waits for you more anxiously than people who wait for a long, dark night to come to an end.

**All: With you, God, there is plenty of mercy and goodness to go around.**

People of God, people of Israel, wait with me for God, because I know God has mercy. With God, there is plenty of mercy and goodness and God will bring all of you back into relationship with him.

**All: With you, God, there is plenty of mercy and goodness to go around.**

**The Epistle** - A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [8:6-11]

It's no good to be thinking only of yourself and your body and your own needs. That's no way to live. But if you set your mind on God's Spirit instead, you will have life and peace. You may be made of flesh, but you are not made of flesh alone. You have the Spirit of God breathing in and out of you. And the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, makes Jesus a living, breathing part of you.

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

**Gospel Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS)*, #181 Amazing Grace**

**The Gospel** – John [11:1-45]

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Lazarus lived with his sisters Martha and Mary. They were all good friends of Jesus. Lazarus got very sick and his sisters sent word to Jesus that he was sick.

When Jesus heard this, he said, "I think this sickness will allow God's glory to show through, even if Lazarus dies." So Jesus stayed put where he was rather than going to see Lazarus right away.

A couple of days later, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's go to Judea." His disciples said, "But the last time we were there, they tried to stone you. And you want to go back?" Jesus replied, "We've only got so much time on this earth to do good. Lazarus is sleeping and I want to go wake him up." The disciples said, "Well, if he's sleeping, there's really no reason to go. He'll be fine." Jesus said, "No, I meant that Lazarus has died. I'm glad I wasn't there when he died, because now I've got something I want to show you so you can believe. Let's go."

Thomas the Twin said to his fellow followers, "Oh well, here we go. Might as well go with him and die with him." When they got there, Lazarus had been in his grave for four days. Many people had come to comfort his sisters. Martha heard Jesus had come and ran out to meet him, while Mary stayed at the house. Martha said, "Jesus, if you'd been here, my brother wouldn't have died. I know even now that God will do whatever you ask of him." Jesus said, "Martha, you know your brother will rise again." "Of course, I believe in the resurrection on the last day," Martha said. Jesus looked at her and said, "Martha, I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will be alive, whether they live or they die. Do you believe this?"

Martha said, "Yes, Lord. I believe that you are the one God has sent into the world, the Messiah." She went back and told Mary that Jesus was asking for her. Mary knelt at Jesus' feet, saying, "Lord, if only you'd been here, my brother wouldn't have died." When Jesus saw her crying, and saw that all the people at the house were crying, he felt the deep pain of losing Lazarus to death. The pain shook him to his core. "Where is his grave? Show me." Jesus said. "Come and see, Lord." And Jesus started to cry. Some people could see how much Jesus had loved his friend Lazarus.

Others wondered why, if he could open the eyes of a blind man, he couldn't have kept Lazarus from dying. Jesus came to the grave, which was in the side of a cave with a big stone rolled against the opening. He told them to roll away the stone. Martha said, "Don't do that. He's been in there four days and the smell will be awful." Jesus said, "Haven't I told you that if you believed, you would see God's glory?" So they took the stone away. Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me." And he yelled really loud, "Lazarus, come out of there!"

And the dead man came out, his hands and feet still bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped up. Jesus said to the people around, "Set him free from the cloth that is binding him, and let him go." Many of the people who saw what happened believed in Jesus after that.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Barbara Ballenger

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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 response is: Help us to love with your love.

Dear Lord, hear our prayer. We pray for people everywhere:

**All: Help us to love with your love.**

We pray for our community, country and world, especially for the people of Ukraine and all who are in harm's way.

**All: Help us to love with your love.**

We pray for all who gather as your Church, especially our bishops, clergy and all who serve in ministry.

**All: Help us to love with your love.**

We pray for the earth and all your good gifts, especially for the will to address climate catastrophe and help all affected by climate-change related floods, fires and droughts.

**All: Help us to love with your love.**

We pray for those who need kindness and care, especially those who are ill, who are in emotional pain or who are struggling to make ends meet.

**All: Help us to love with your love.**

We pray for those who need your wisdom and grace.

**All: Help us to love with your love.**

We pray for our needs in silence or out loud ...

We pray for all who have died, and those we name now...

Dear Lord, hear our prayer.

**All: And bless your people everywhere.**

**Confession of Sin**

**EOW 1**

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,  
We confess that we have sinned against you,  
Opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied the goodness in each other,  
In ourselves and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
The evil we have done,  
And the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore and strengthen us  
Through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
That we may abide in your love  
And serve only your will. Amen.

Presider: 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: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### Celebrating Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: **Feast on the Word of the Lord**

Sally DeFord (1959- )

Presentation Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82), #457* **Thou art the Way, to thee alone**

The Great Thanksgiving, New Zealand Prayer Book

Presider: The Lord is here.

People: **God's Spirit is with us.**

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 offer thanks and praise.**

Presider: God, you made us, and the world and everything in it. All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us but people have not always loved you. You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again. He died for us on the cross so that through your Spirit, we can all be your people.

And so with thanks we praise you singing:

### Sanctus Holy, Holy

Norah Duncan



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he whømes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Presider:

Jesus shared a meal with his friends. There he took some bread and gave thanks to you, God. He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them. “This is my body,” he said, “Do this, and know that I am with you.”

Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you. He shared it with them, and said “This is my blood, which brings new life. Do this, and know that I am with you.”

And so, remembering Jesus, who died, was raised to new life by you, and is alive forever, we are glad to share that life and live in him, and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come in glory.**

Presider: Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus, and through this food give us strength to live as your people.

Help us to care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us. Until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land we worship you in songs of everlasting praise.

*The Priest lifts the bread and wine.*  
Blessing, honour and glory be yours,  
Here and everywhere,  
Now and forever. **AMEN.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer** (*Contemporary Version*)

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

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

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

Norah Duncan

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

## The Communion of the People

Communion Music: Adagio in D Minor

Joseph Bologne (1745-1799)

## The Post-Communion Prayer

*Presider 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

### Litany of Welcome

*Priest* Dear people of God, I invite your prayers for the saving  
presence of Jesus in this world,

*Assembly* Christ is risen!

*Priest* In this Church,  
**Assembly** **Christ is risen!**  
*Priest* In this community,  
**Assembly** **Christ is risen!**  
*Priest* In the hearts of all faithful people,  
**Assembly** **Christ is risen!**  
*Priest* We pray especially today in thanksgiving as we welcome ... into the body of Christ in this place.  
*Priest* Do you desire to join St. Peter's Church?  
**New Members** I (we) do.  
**Assembly** **We welcome you with open hearts.**  
*Priest* We welcome you and pledge to be a community for you.  
**Assembly** **We offer you our gifts, our care and concern, our hope and our faith, our brokenness and frailty.**  
*Priest* We welcome you, trusting in Christ because we know our imperfections all too well.  
**Assembly** **We will rejoice together, mourn together, learn together, grow together, take risks together, make mistakes together and forgive one another.**  
*Priest* We welcome the gifts and needs that you bring, and rejoice that you make us stronger and more complete in Christ.  
**Assembly** **Thanks be to God!**  
*Priest* We welcome you knowing that you will change who we are.  
**Assembly** **Thanks be to God.**  
*Priest* May God bless our new life together, and lead us in new pathways, in the hallowed name of God, we pray.  
**Assembly** **AMEN.**

**Eucharistic Visitor** (*occasional*)

Presider: 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.**

*When your birthday or anniversary is announced, please stand in your place and remain standing as we pray.*

**Birthdays:**

<i>Jamie Gill</i>	<i>3/22</i>
<i>Katie Moser</i>	<i>3/22</i>
<i>Thomas Ivory</i>	<i>3/28</i>
<i>Bryan Pneuma</i>	<i>3/28</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:**

- Marion Stroup of the Hope and Help Network will be our guest speaker during the adult forum, following morning worship.
- Confirmation Classes will be held in the lower level of the church following morning worship.
- Taizé Prayer Service: We invite you all to enter the simple rhythms of the Lenten season on Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's.
- Giant is running its free ham/turkey promotion from now until April 5. We are asking parishioners to consider donating their free ham or turkey for the St. Peter's Easter Brunch.
- A Stations of the Cross walk will be held on March 27th, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Episcopal Cathedral Church (19 S. 38th St) and concluding at the local U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement office (114 North 8th St). Visit our Lenten worship page to sign up.
- Submit Your Easter Flower Requests by Tuesday, April 1. The suggested donation is \$35.
- Scan the QR code for the full 2026 Holy Week schedule.



**The Closing Hymn:** *Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS), #74* Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

**The Dismissal**

**Presider:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude: Fugue in D Minor, Op. 16, No. 3**

Clara Wieck Schumann

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**Deacon:** *The Rev. Bob Smith*  
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