

# The Fourth Sunday in Lent



St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Glenside, Pennsylvania  
March 30, 2025  
10:00 A.M.

## Gathering In Joy

**Prelude: Andante Cantabile - Charles Marie Widor**

**Opening Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982*, #393 Praise Our Great and Gracious Lord**

*The Presider says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Listening for God's Word

**The First Reading-** *Joshua 5:9-12*

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

**Psalm 32** (*Read by all, using the Book of Common Prayer*)

**BCP 624-625**

**The Epistle-** *2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

**Gospel Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982, #645 The King of Love My Shepherd Is vs.1,2,5 and 6***

**The Gospel—** *Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Barbara Ballenger

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 , Form I**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

*The Presider concludes with this 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

*Deacon:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Presider and People*

**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.

*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

*Please greet other members of the congregation with a sign of peace.*

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

**People: And also with you.**

## Celebrating Holy Communion

*Please remember that intinction, dipping bread into wine, is offered on the left side of the circle as you face the altar, and sipping from the common cup is offered on the right side.*

**Offertory Anthem: I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked - John O'Hara**

St. Peter's Choir

**Presentation Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982, #149* Eternal Lord of Love**

## The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A

BCP 361

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 give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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: Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #255 Holy, Holy, Holy**

*The Presider continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

**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: Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #270 Lamb of God**

*The Presider continues*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **The Communion of the People**

**Communion Music: Jerusalem, My Happy Home- Anna Laura Page**

St. Peter's Bell Choir

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

And now, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## Sending Out

### The Blessing

#### Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning

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:

*Lane Donovan*            04/02  
*Maddie Collins*        04/05

#### 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

- Join us for a **dinner with the St. Peter's Peeps next Friday, April 4, at 6 p.m.** To RSVP, please email Debbie Dekalb at [sojourner\\_44@yahoo.com](mailto:sojourner_44@yahoo.com).
- **Consider donating your free Giant Ham or reward points to support our Easter Brunch.** Use the sign-up link in the newsletter to help with the Easter brunch and egg hunt.
- **The 2025 Holy Week schedule is available on page 11.**
- **We warmly welcome Beblon Parks, ECW representative from the National ECW Board, Province III.** *A special welcome will be given by Rev. Barb.*



**Closing Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982, #525 The Church's One Foundation 1,2 4***

**The Dismissal**

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: Lobe den Herren - arr. Gerald Peterson**

**Worship Ministers**

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

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

**Acolytes:** *Alyssa Clemens, Sophia Kelley, Patrick McMahon*

**Lectors:** *Bridget Burless, Debbie DeKalb*

**Intercessor:** *Barbara Sibley*

**Counter:** *Mike Reeve*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** *Jenna Linke, Carol Lorentz-Burnett*

**Ushers:** *David Kipphut, Kerstin Sibley, Alex Stevers-Radtke, Jack Wilbur*

**Vestry Steward:** *David Mosteller*

**Altar Guild:** *Donna Kulp*

**Director of Music:** *Carol Cei*

**Tech Team:** *PJ Linke, Mike Levin, James Moore*

**Fellowship:** *Kitchen Coordinators*

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**Weekly Giving Totals (Week of 3.23.25)**

*This amount includes online donations. The pledge amount does not include donations made to the capital improvement fund.*

<b>Pledge Amount</b>	<b>\$5,623</b>
<b>Plate Offering</b>	<b>\$ 96</b>

# Journey to the Cross

## 2025 Holy Week Schedule

### **Palm Sunday, April 13**

A choral Eucharist starting outside in the courtyard (weather permitting) with the blessing and procession of palm branches at 10 a.m.

### **Self-Guided Stations of the Cross, Beginning April 14**

Starting April 14 and continuing through Holy Week, a self-guided booklet on the Stations of the Cross will be available in the church. The worship space is open from about 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for quiet prayer and reflection throughout the week.

### **Garden of Repose, April 17-18**

Plantings and flowers in the St. Philip-in-the-Fields chapel at St. Peter's create a space for quiet, personal contemplation during the three days leading up to Easter. The space will be open from Thursday, April 17 in the afternoon through Friday, April 18.

### **Maundy Thursday, April 17**

Agape Meal at 6 p.m. -- A simple supper of soup and bread, with traditional prayers over the food and sharing of Scripture, will precede the service. The Maundy Thursday Service at will be at 7:15 p.m. will include foot washing and the stripping of the altar.

### **Good Friday, April 18**

Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m. As the church slowly dims to darkness, contemplate through Scripture, music, prayers, and silence the saving work of Jesus Christ on the cross.

### **Holy Saturday, April 19**

The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, March 30 at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Whitemarsh, 7020 Camp Hill Rd. Fort Washington, PA.

### **Easter Sunday, April 20**

Easter service at St. Peter's at 10 a.m. Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus with this joyful choral Eucharist, followed by brunch in the parish hall and an Easter Egg hunt in the courtyard.