

# The First Sunday in Lent



St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Glenside, Pennsylvania  
March 9, 2025  
10:00 A.M.

## Gathering In Joy

*Today's liturgy on this first Sunday of Lent will begin with a sung procession of the Great Litany found on page 152 of the Book of Common Prayer. Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

### **The Great Litany, S-67**

*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**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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-** *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before

the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

**Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16** (*Read by all, using the Book of Common Prayer*)

**BCP 719-720**

**The Epistle-** *Romans 10:8b-13*

"The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

**Gospel Hymn:** *Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #170 Yield Not to Temptation*

**The Gospel-** *Luke 4:1-13*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and

'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'  
Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil  
had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Barb 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.**

### **Prayers of the People , Form I**

*Deacon or other leader*

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**

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: Come to Me, All You Who Labor - Harold Barnaby**

St. Peter's Choir

**Presentation Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, #154 Taste and See**

**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 Father: 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 Father of all. He 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 Lord 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 he 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.**

*The Presider continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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 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: Lament - Robert Lau**

### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*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**

#### **Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning (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:**

*Sylvia Hollick 03/12*

*Sophia Kelly 03/14*

*Sean Monserrat 03/14*

*Colleen Schmidt 03/14*

*Alyssa Clemens 03/15*

*Tanya Voit 03/15*

*Keirstin Sibley 03/15*

#### **Anniversaries:**

*None this month.*



## 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 People of God” T-shirts are available for purchase following morning worship.** They were used in the past for St. Peter’s programming. All proceeds will go to St. Peter’s ministries.
- **Join us for “I Give up”,** a Lenten forum lead by Rev. Barb on prayer and surrender, following morning worship.
- The monthly **Youth and Teen gathering will be held in the blue room on the lower-level of the church tonight at 6 p.m.** The gathering will be a simple pizza party and game night.
- **Explore all our Lenten programming** on page 11 of your leaflet.

**Closing Hymn:** *The Hymnal 1982, #559 Lead Us, Heavenly Father*

## The Dismissal

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:** Toccata - Fenton Groden

## Worship Ministers

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

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

**Acolytes:** *Teresa Mignogno, Jaxon Miller, Alex Stevers-Radke*

**Lectors:** *Rick DeKalb, Tim Flaherty*

**Intercessor:** *Carol Lorentz-Burnett*

**Counter:** *John Klarman*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** *Audrey Kipphut, Amy Michener-Wall*

**Ushers:** *Anne Gibson, Dave Kipphut, Donna Kulp, Dori Meginley*

**Vestry Steward:** *John Olson*

**Altar Guild:** *Karen Sayer*

**Fellowship:** *Kitchen Coordinators*

**Bell Ringer:** *Bill Bacon*

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

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**Weekly Giving Totals (Week of 3.2.25)**

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

<b>Pledge Amount</b>	<b>\$4,698.15</b>
<b>Plate Offering</b>	<b>\$46.50</b>

## *Planning a Holy Lent*

Scan the QR code to Explore 2025 Lenten Programming.

### **Montgomery Deanery Lenten Series: Prayer Practices and Spirituality From March 10-April 7**

Join us on Monday evenings during Lent for "Prayer Practices and Spirituality," a special series exploring different ways to deepen your prayer life. Each evening begins with a simple meal of soup and bread at 6:30 PM, followed by an interactive session from 7:00–8:00 PM at All Hallows, 262 Bent Road, Wyncote. Each week, a different leader will guide us through a unique prayer practice. Come for one evening or join us for the whole series! All are welcome. No registration is required.

**Lenten Quiet Morning at All Hallows Church**, 262 Bent Road, Wyncote, on Saturday, March 15, 2025, from 8:45 AM to 12:00 PM, facilitated by The Rev. Mary McCullough. This year's theme is "Suffering, Surrender, and the Embrace of Grace." Visit the website to register.

### **Episcopal 101 Classes this Lenten Season**

If you are interested in learning more about the Episcopal church or being received or confirmed as a member, please contact Rev. Barb at [Stpeter654rector@gmail.com](mailto:Stpeter654rector@gmail.com). Classes will take place on four Wednesday evenings via Zoom during Lent.

### **Lenten Taizé Service: March 26**

This beautiful candlelight service of Taizé chant and prayer invites all to enter the simple rhythms of the Lenten season on Wednesday, March 26 at 7 p.m.



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