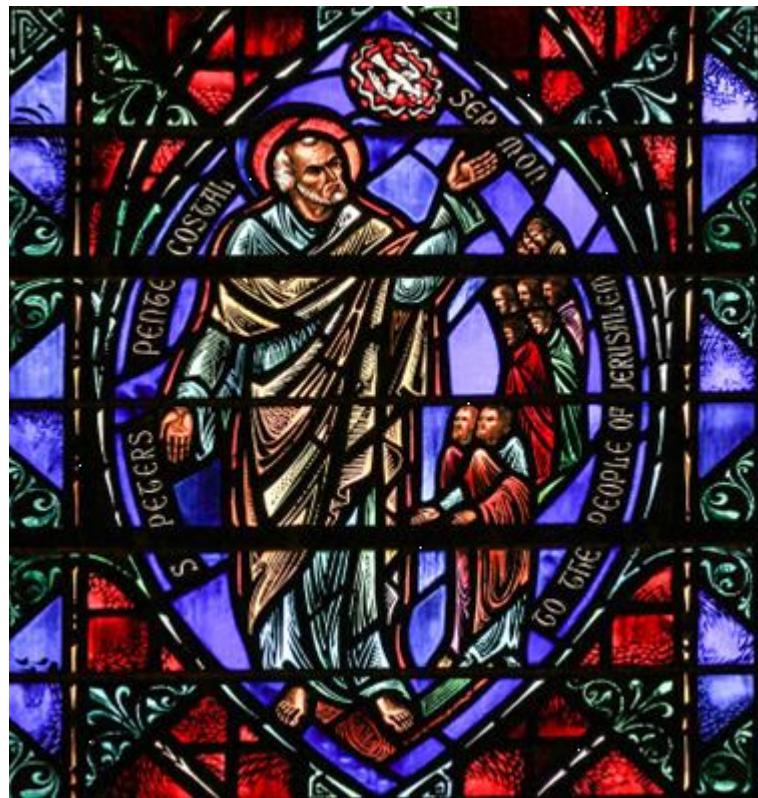


# The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



The Feast of the Confession of St. Peter (Transferred)  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Glenside, Pennsylvania  
February 1, 2026  
10:00 A.M.

## Gathering In Joy

**Prelude:** Adagio in F Minor Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges (1745-1799)

**Opening Hymn:** *The Hymnal 1982 (H82), #421 All glory be to God on high*

### 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 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.**

### Listening for God's Word

#### The First Reading - *Acts 4: 8-13*

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.

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

**Psalm 23** (*please use your red Book of Common Prayer*)

**BCP 612**

#### The Epistle- *1 Peter 5:1-4*

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.

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

## Gospel Hymn: What is this place?

1. What is this place where we are meet-ing?  
 2. Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing,  
 3. And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, On - ly a house, the  
 sparks that are sown in bro - ken and shared, a

earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,  
 us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders  
 liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,

win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives  
 sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak  
 we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive

when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.  
 a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.  
 what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

## The Gospel - Matthew 16:13-19

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**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."

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Barbara Ballenger

**The Nicene Creed**

**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.**

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 Deacon 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:** Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

**Presentation Hymn:** *Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS), #152 Let us break bread together*

**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.**

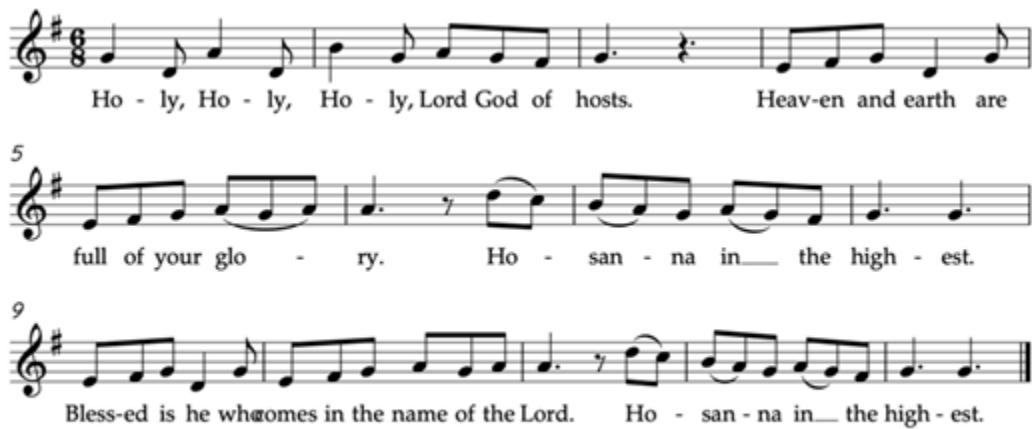
*Presider says*

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**



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 whōmēs in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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



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: Just As I Am

Roosevelt Andre Credit (1966- )

### 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**

Susan Pieczonka 02/01

Mary Rivera 02/02

Debbie DeKalb 02/04

Robert Hartung 02/06

### **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 the Annual Meeting following morning worship** when the parish will vote on the 2026 Vestry nominees and discuss the annual report.
- **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 next Sunday, 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 the *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.

## Closing Hymn: Hymn to St. Peter's Parish

Jessie Robson

### Hymn to St. Peter's Parish

Lyrics by: Jessie Robson

Tune of Hyfrydol

Here in Glen - side, Penn - syl - va - nia,  
stands a place of prayer and praise.  
Years a - go, it was built with God's help,  
lead - ing man - y to learn His ways.  
Then re - built, it con - tin - ued call - ing  
all who sought the Spi - rit's grace.  
Through the years our con - gre - ga - tion  
Sang and wor - shiped in this place.

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This com - mu - nion's di - verse peo - ple:

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chil - dren, youth, and those grow-ing old,

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and the saints who have gone be - fore us,

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guid - ing, in - spir - ring us to be bold.

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May we con - tin - ue through-out all a - ges to

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give, to serve, reach out and care,

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ce - le - bra - ting Christ's own pro - mise,

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ne - ver fail - ling His love to share.

### The Dismissal

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

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

**Postlude:** Ufie III

Christian Uzoma Onyeji (1967- )

### Worship Ministers

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