

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 17, 2019

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II – 10:30 A.M.

The Service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Prelude: Prelude in C, BWV 547a

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

THE WORD OF GOD

Introit *Circumdederunt me*

Anglican chant: R. P. Stewart

The sorrows of death came about me, the pains of hell gat hold upon me: and in my tribulation I made my prayer unto the Lord, and he regarded my supplication out of his holy temple. I will love thee, O Lord my strength: the Lord is my stony rock, my fortress, and my Savior.

– *Psalm 18: 4-7,1,2*

Hymn 296: “We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”

Engelberg, *stand*

Opening Sentences

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

People: **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis (*Hymnal S 202*)

All: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

Lector: A Reading from The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. *sit*
(15: 12-20)

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 **Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

4 **It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn 493: "O for a thousand tongues to sing"

Azmon, *stand*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
(6: 17-26)

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles, and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for

you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Reverend Joseph Wallace-Williams

sit

The Nicene Creed

p. 358, *stand*

Prayers of the People

Lector: God has called us out of darkness into the glorious light of the Son. Let us pray for the church and for the world, that all people may know the light of Christ, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

kneel

For the church and its ministry to the world, for all bishops and clergy, remembering especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Wayne, our Bishop, Luke, Kelly and Joseph, our clergy, for our parish staff, and for all those who bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the nations of the world and their leaders, for all those in authority, and for an end to war and oppression, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For those who have not heard the good news of salvation, for those who have heard but have not believed, and for those who have forsaken their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the lonely and destitute, for the victims of injustice and discrimination, for the hungry and the homeless, for the unloved and the forgotten, and for all who seek to serve them, remembering especially the ministries of Beyond Housing, Bravely, Episcopal City Mission, The Haven of Grace and Outreach Haiti, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the sick in body, mind, and spirit, for the dying and the bereaved, and for all those in need of our prayers, especially Bill Aitken, Eve Ballman, Ed Dewein, Carol Fisher, Mary Jones, Doug McNair, Bryan Miller, Scott Peterson, Martine Smith and Justin Williamson, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the saints who have gone before us in the faith and are now at rest, especially Claire Fowler, and for all the saints on earth who surround us in a great fellowship of love, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: Loving God, accept our thanks and praise for all your gifts so generously bestowed upon us, hear the petitions and intercessions of your faithful people, and guide our thoughts and actions, so that your will may be done and your name glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **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 Absolution

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Exchanging the Peace

p. 360, *stand*

The children join the Service from their Sunday School classes.

Announcements

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Welcoming Newcomers

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.

If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, let the priest know at the altar rail.

The Offertory Anthem

John Joubert (1927–2019)

Christ is risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, e'en so in Christ shall all be made alive.

– I Corinthians 15: 20

The Presentation (*Hymn 380, stanza 3*)

Old 100th, *stand*

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus and Benedictus (*Hymnal S 114*)

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kneel

The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread (*Hymnal S 152*)

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Cantor: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Administration of the Sacrament

sit

Motet

Richard Felciano (b. 1930)

The eyes of all hope in thee, O Lord; and thou givest them meat in due season. Thou openest thy hand, and thou fillest every living creature, with thy blessing. Alleluia. My heart is ready, O God; my heart is ready, I will sing and will give praise to thee, my glory.

– Psalms 144 and 57

Hymn 447: "The Christ who died but rose again"

St. Magnus

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

p. 365, *kneel*

The Blessing

Hymn 665: “All my hope on God is founded”

Michael, *stand*

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Fugue in C, BWV 547b

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

*The sung setting of the Eucharist is the Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena
by Healey Willan (1880–1968).*

MUSIC NOTES: It is sometimes said that every Sunday is a “little Easter.” It is all the more so when we encounter a reading like today’s Epistle Lesson from I Corinthians. Words from this lesson are sung at the Offertory in a setting by *John Joubert*. Joubert was born in Cape Town, South Africa in 1927. He was educated in Anglican schools there where he received a thorough grounding in music. His Evensong anthem “O Lorde, the maker of al thing” won the Novello anthem competition in 1952. His carols “Torches” and “There is no rose” are immensely popular at Christmastime. Joubert’s music is thoroughly modern, but never out of reach for performer or hearer. He wrote that he wanted his music “to be understood, enjoyed and used.” The Choir’s singing of *Christ is risen* this morning was planned long before we received word of Joubert’s death last month at age 91.

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Claire Fowler, by Witt Fowler.*

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers: Wendy Olk
Ushers: Hal Burroughs, Randy Parham, Wayne Norwood, Bruce Mardis
Acolytes: Holly Baer, Will Frank, Campbell Graves
Harper Graves, Katie Marks, Sam Wilson
Acolyte Master: Jim Gilbert
Hospitality: Cynthia Dressel, Maureen Manget, Deidre Daniels
Altar Guild: Connie Lohr, Frances Gay, Susan Schettler, Susie Wilson
Counters: Lisa Acker, Nancy Burke

PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: Bill Aitken, Eve Ballman, Ed Dewein, Mary Jones and Bryan Miller.

For Family and Friends: Carol Fisher, Doug McNair, Scott Peterson, Martine Smith and Justin Williamson.

For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Robert Barringer, Donna Brookman, Bruce Carvell, The Drier Family, Richard Hamman, Patty Hecker, Susan Kerkering, Bill Lacey, Rick Ledbetter, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Signe Myles, Ruth Noakes, Jeffrey Rixleben, Sarah Roberts, Karmen Selby, Ray Sellenriek, Gerald Spencer, Jane St. John, Madeline Tufts and Dick Williams.

TODAY...

WELCOME, NEWCOMERS! This morning we welcome new parishioners to St. Peter's Church! Our next Newcomers' Series begins this morning and will continue on February 24th, and March 3rd and 10th, 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the Elliot Room. RSVP to Joseph, josephww@stpetersepiscopal.org or 314-993-2306, ext. 121.

FAMILIES – Children are always welcome in church! If parents prefer, childcare is available in the Little Building from 9-11:45. If your child (or you!) needs a break, the service is live-streamed in the Undercroft. A baby-changing station is available in the middle Undercroft restroom.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL – All ages, please join us in Grace Chapel, 10:15 to 10:25 a.m. each Sunday before Sunday School.

PARISH BREAKFAST – Come enjoy a hot breakfast in the Undercroft today, served from 8:45 until 10:00. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

SANDWICH MAKERS – Join us at 9:15 a.m. in the Undercroft kitchen to make sandwiches for Sunshine Ministries.

RECTOR'S FORUM meets each Sunday morning, 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the Undercroft. The topic for today and next Sunday is forgiveness. How many times should I forgive? How does God call us to forgive? Everyone is welcome!

KINGSBURY CONCERT – St. Peter's is proud to host the Kingsbury Ensemble, one of the Midwest's premiere early music ensembles, in concert this evening at 7:30. The concert includes music by Bach, Buxtehude, and Telemann. David Sinden will perform two pieces for solo organ. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

THIS WEEK...

MONDAY – The Church Office and buildings will be closed tomorrow for the Presidents' Day holiday. If you have a pastoral emergency call 314-993-2306 and press 2.

NEWS DEADLINE – Please submit news to the Church Office by noon on Tuesdays.

ST. PETER'S CARES – Need a ride, a meal or a prayer? St. Peter's has a ministry that can help – that's St. Peter's Cares! Leave a voicemail or email (314-993-2306, ext. 125 or shepherd@stpetersepisopal.org) and a Shepherd will contact you within 24 hours.

WOMAN'S GUILD – Join us this Tuesday for lunch at 12:15 p.m. Yoga meets at 11:00 a.m. each Tuesday.

SEARCHING FOR GOD IN THE DAILY NEWS will not meet this week. Join us the following week on Wednesday, February 27th at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room across from the office.

WEDNESDAY – There will be no Service of Holy Eucharist on Wednesday this week. We will resume at 5:30 p.m. on February 27th.

BIBLE STUDY – We will not meet this week. Join us the following Thursday, February 28th at 7:00 a.m. in the Elliot Room.

PRAYER GROUP – Come on Friday mornings at 10:00 for contemporary Bible Study of the Sunday readings and to pray for the needs of the parish and the world.

BREAKFAST CREW – Have fun making breakfast with fellow parishioners 4-6 mornings per year. Contact Kathy Bitting: 314-503-3622 or kbitting3622@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

NEXT SUNDAY: THE LENT MADNESS HYMN - St. Peter's has a unique opportunity to participate in Lent Madness before Lent even begins. **After the 10:30 a.m. Service next Sunday**, the congregation and choir will do a quick run-through of the new Lent Madness hymn—new words set to familiar music—extolling the virtues of Lent Madness! This will be filmed, and our video will be seen by the global Lent Madness public. Everyone is invited to this fun event, which will only take 10 minutes! You're going to be a Lent Madness celebrity, **so let's wear purple next Sunday!**

LENT MADNESS – Join the clergy, staff and parishioners and let's see who wins! Lent Madness is the “saintly smackdown” in which thirty-two saints do battle to win the coveted Golden Halo during the season of Lent. With its unique blend of competition, learning, and humor, Lent Madness allows participants to be inspired by the ways in which God has worked through the lives of saintly souls across generations and cultures. **To participate, donate \$20 for Sandwich Makers' supplies and submit your completed bracket to the Church Office by Shrove Tuesday, March 5th.** Bracket sheets and instructions are **available at the breakfast tables on Sunday mornings**, and from the Church Office. There will be a small prize, and bragging rights for the winner. Join the Lenten fun, learn about the saints, and support our outreach ministries—all at the same time!

HOLY LISTENING SESSION –The Diocese of Missouri will elect our next bishop in November. The members of the Bishop Search/Nominating Committee want to hear your voice as this process begins. We are committed to receiving as much input as possible about how people in our congregations and ministry groups see our diocese, the work of the Episcopal Church in Missouri, and what you hope for and think we need in a new Bishop. We are beginning this process with face-to-face conversations in every congregation with a team of two members of the Search/Nominating Committee and as many people of all ages from every congregation as possible. This time together will last 90 minutes. **This Holy Listening conversation will take place at St. Peter’s on Sunday, March 3rd at 11:45.** Lunch will be provided! Please RSVP to the Church Office or online.

Also, please take five minutes to complete this survey, by February 25th:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DofMissouri>. This is a significant time in the life of our diocese. Please share your voice as we discern our future together.

CHORAL EVENSONG: 150 Years of Prayer – Sung on the First Sunday in Lent, March 10th at 5:00 p.m., the final Evensong in this “Season of Festivity” contains a fully American expression of music for this liturgy. The canticles are the *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D* by Leo Sowerby, and the anthem is by Gregory Roig, who is a member of the St. Peter’s Singers. This service will include the first performance of a new set of Preces and Responses written for St. Peter’s 150th anniversary by David Sinden.

HANDBELL CHOIR – The St. Peter’s Handbell Choir is ready to begin ringing this spring, but we need YOU! We are seeking two ringers to join our ranks. Even if you’ve never rung a handbell before, we can promise you that ringing is enjoyable and a wonderful way to make a joyful noise! Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. Contact David Sinden for more information: dsinden@stpetersepiscopal.org.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – Plan to join us for a delicious pancake supper on Tuesday, March 5th, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Undercroft. Pay at the door: \$5 per person, \$15 per family, and children under 5 are free. Hosted by the youth, the pancake supper will help fund our youth program. Come celebrate with music, food, and friends, and let’s teach Fr. Joseph what Fat Tuesday is all about!

BOOK GROUP – Join us on Wednesday, March 6th at 2:00 p.m. in the Elliot Room to discuss *Lonesome Dove* by Larry McMurtry.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17 - 24, 2019

Sunday	2/17		The Sixth Sunday after The Epiphany
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Rector’s Forum – Undercroft
			Sandwich Makers
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		7:00 p.m.	Kingsbury Concert
Monday	2/18		Presidents’ Day Holiday
			Church Office & Buildings Closed
Tuesday	2/19	12:15 p.m.	Woman’s Guild Lunch
Thursday	2/21	6:00 p.m.	Choristers
		7:15 p.m.	Parish Choir
Friday	2/22	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
Sunday	2/24		The Seventh Sunday after The Epiphany
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Rector’s Forum – Undercroft
			Confirmation Class
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		11:30 a.m.	Filming of the Lent Madness Hymn