

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 29, 2023



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Lakewood, Ohio

WELCOME TO SAINT PETER'S CHURCH!

*livestream begins at 9:50 a.m., and the service at 10:00 a.m.
The service can be found on the Saint Peter's YouTube page at:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5r-XEvAg8xKiEl2jnl_s7g*

This leaflet contains everything you need for worship this morning.

NAME TAGS can be found at the end of every pew. PLEASE, wear one! Whether you've been attending here 50 years, or 50 minutes, it helps everyone get to know one another!

IF YOU'RE NEW this morning, please take a moment to fill out one of the little cards at the end of the pew rack and place it in the alms basin at the offering. Or, sign our guestbook by the tower door on your way out. We want to welcome you properly.

A WORD ABOUT OFFERINGS: Loose cash and coins put in our offering plates on Sundays are used to fund important ministries in the wider community. If you prefer your cash offerings go to church operations, or if you wish a tax receipt, you must put your offerings in an envelope and supply your name. Envelopes for this purpose can be found at the end of every pew.

A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION: We offer bread and wine during Holy Communion. We believe that we receive the full benefit of the sacrament in one kind, and ask that if you wish to take the wine also you do this by intinction, by gently touching the wafer to the wine in the chalice.

ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available for anyone who has difficulty hearing. They can be found on a small table by the tower door, or see one of the ushers.

RESTROOMS are located between the church and the chapel off the narthex.

CHILDREN: Children are welcome to attend the service; activity sheets are available at the back of the church for your use. Children are also welcome on the carpet in the front of the church to participate in an activity and be part of the service.

Please linger after the service. Coffee hour and Lemonade for everyone takes place on the plaza outside in good weather or in the narthex. Please maintain social distance and all Covid protocols.

- *Gluten-free wafers are available – please alert the priest*

The Holy Eucharist

Preparation for Worship

The Church bell will peal 10 minutes before the Liturgy begins.

Prelude

Fugue in C major

J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

All stand as able for the ringing of the Angelus

Entrance Hymn 542

Christ is the world's true light

St. Joan

The Liturgy of the Word

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

The Celebrant and People pray together

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.

The Congregation says (8:00) or sings (10:00) the Surge Illuminare

S226



- 1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
- 2 For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
- 3 But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.

- 4 Nations will ^{stream} to your ^{light}, *
and kings to the ^{brightness} of your ^{dawning}.
- 5 Your gates will ^{always} be ^{open}; *
by day or ^{night} they will ^{never} be ^{shut}.
- 6 They will call you, The ^{City} of the ^{Lord}, *
The Zion of the ^{Holy} ^{One} of ^{Israel}.
- 7 Violence will no more be ^{heard} in your ^{land}, *
ruin or de^{struction} withⁱⁿ your ^{borders}.
- 8 You will call your ^{walls}, Sal^{vation}, *
and ^{all} your ^{portals}, ^{Praise}.
- 9 The sun will no more be your ^{light} by ^{day}; *
by night you will not ^{need} the ^{brightness} of the ^{moon}.
- 10 The Lord will be your ever^{lasting} ^{light}, *
and your ^{God} will ^{be} your ^{glory}.

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)

Glory to the Father, and ^{to} the ^{Son}, *
and ^{to} the ^{Holy} ^{Spirit}:
As it was in the be^{ginning}, is ^{now}, *
and ^{will} be for ^{ever}. A^{men}.

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your

peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons *The people sit*

Lector A reading from the Book of Micah

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? *(Micah 6:1-8)*

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Congregation says the Psalm at 8:00; the Choir sings the Psalm at 10:00.

Psalm 15

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
 who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,
 who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
 he does no evil to his friend;
 he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected,
 but he honors those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong
 and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain,
 nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things
 shall never be overthrown.

Lector A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." *(I Corinthians 1:18-31)*

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 656 Blest are the pure in heart

Franconia

The Priest reads the Gospel first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” *(Matthew 5:1-12)*

After the Gospel, the Reader says

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

The Sermon *The people sit.*

The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Wilbert

The Nicene Creed *The people stand*

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

Leader O God, you led the magi by a star to encounter the infant Jesus in the manger. Lead us, and grant us the grace to encounter Christ in the most unlikely places, and to honor every human being with gifts of kindness and love.

We pray for the Church in this place and throughout the world. Help us to be a beacon of compassion to the searching, a beacon of justice to the oppressed, and a beacon of peace for those who have no peace.

(Add your own prayers – in these silent spaces,
you are invited to add your prayers in silence or aloud.)

Leader May we be servants of the gospel of light;
Congregation Grant us the faith to live with boldness and confidence in God.

Leader
We pray for all who hold power over the lives and livelihoods of others. May those who hold economic, political, social and religious power use it for good. May we use our resources of time, money, and talent to your glory and honor.

(Add your own prayers)

Leader May we be servants of the gospel of service;
Congregation Grant us the faith to live with boldness and confidence in God.

Leader
We pray for ourselves and for this community of faith, that we will be people of prayer, and that we will live out our prayers in our lives, our actions, and our contemplation. Deepen our desire to be close to Immanuel, God-with-us.

(Add your own prayers)

Leader May we be servants of the gospel of devotion;
Congregation Grant us the faith to live with boldness and confidence in God.

Leader
We pray for all who are suffering from sadness, loneliness, depression and despair. Help us to listen to one another, to pray for those who cannot pray, and to be companions on the way.

(Add your own prayers)

Leader May we be servants of the gospel of compassion;
Congregation Grant us the faith to live with boldness and confidence in God.

Leader
We give thanks for the gift of friends and family, and for the communion of saints who inspire and console us. Help us to be welcoming and humble to all we encounter.

(Add your own prayers)

Leader May we be servants of the gospel of gratitude;
Congregation Grant us the faith to live with boldness and confidence in God.

Leader
We remember those who are now in the nearer presence of God, and God's arms as a parent holds a child.

(Add your own prayers)

Leader May we be servants of the gospel of eternal life;
Congregation Grant us the faith to live with boldness and confidence in God.

Presider O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Confession

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Together 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 Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All now greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

At the Offertory

Day by day dear Lord three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly,
love the more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Text: Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

Music: Martin How (1931-2022)

All stand.

Presentation Hymn 496 *How bright appears the Morning Star* Wie schon leuchtet

Verse 1

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

The Celebrant and Congregation sing the Sanctus

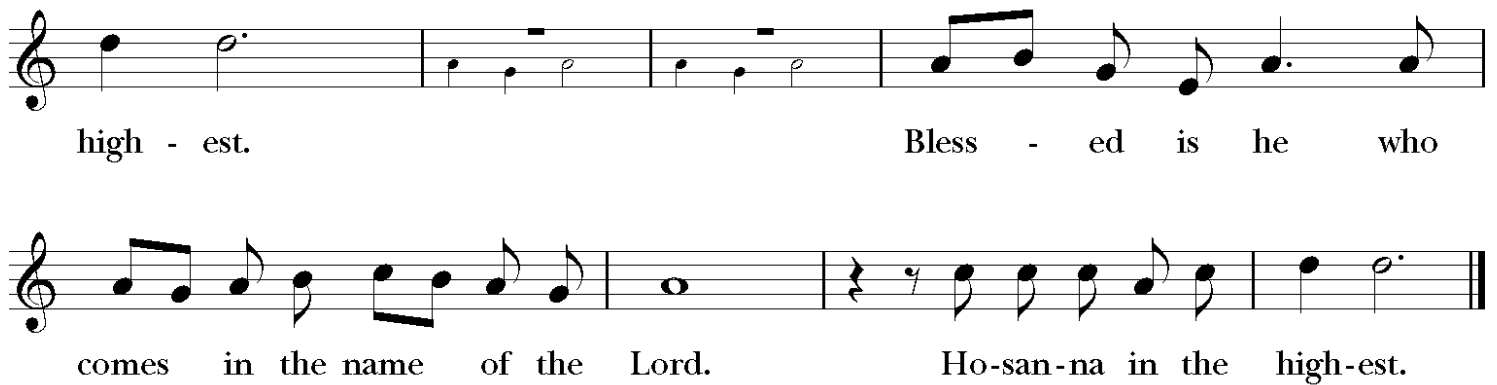
Sanctus S128

Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant 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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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

on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy

on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our soul and body with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you and embrace you with all the affections of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live and die in your love. Amen.

At the Communion

Hymn 605

What does the Lord require

Sharpthorne

The Congregation is invited to join in singing this hymn.

All stand.

Sending of the Congregation

Celebrant

Let us pray

Celebrant and people

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.*

The Blessing

“Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind.” And the blessings of the God who created us, loves us, and walks with us as a Spiritual Companion on the Way be with you and those you love this day, and always. Amen.

Mission Hymn 397 Now thank we all our God

Nun danket alle Gott

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Now thank we all our God

Paul Manz, 1919-2009

The live stream will end when the Postlude concludes.

Serving Today

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| Lector | 8:00 Neil Green 10:00 Kate McHale |
| Intercessor | 8:00 Dan Hout-Reilly 10:00 Maureen Stanton |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | 8:00 Alison LaRosa 10:00 John & Mark Lekan |
| Chalicer | 8:00 Tren Cheshier 10:00 Liz Crosby, Joanne Hull |
| Chancel Guild | Kristen Gardner, Lorna Jordan, Alison LaRosa, Penny Mead, Liz Crosby, Beth O'Rourke |
| Verger | Martha Taylor |
| Ushers | 8:00 Dick Jacquemotte 10:00 George Filko, Tucker Handley, Joseph Jacoby |
| Bell Ringer | 8:00 Neil Green 10:00 Luke Sferra |
| Videographer | Steve Bickerton |
| Nursery | Amanda Chambers |
| Elementary Children | In Church |
| MS/HS | Price & Caravona |

Serving Next Week

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| Lector | 8:00 Jan McDonough 10:00 Ken Taylor |
| Intercessor | 8:00 Penny Mead 10:00 Julie Steigerwald |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | 8:00 Tren Cheshier 10:00 Martha Taylor |
| Chalicer | 8:00 Alison LaRosa 10:00 Beth O'Rourke |
| Chancel Guild | Cathe Step, Emily Malquest, Sue Andrews, Ryan Vogelgesang, Jan Babbit, Bob Lewis |
| Verger | Liz Crosby |
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| Bell Ringer | 8:00 Dick Jacquemotte 10:00 Kathy Woolner |
| Videographer | Jim Cofer |
| Nursery | Maddy Crosby |
| Elementary Children | Gardner & Afungchwi |
| MS/HS | Handley & Gardner |

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