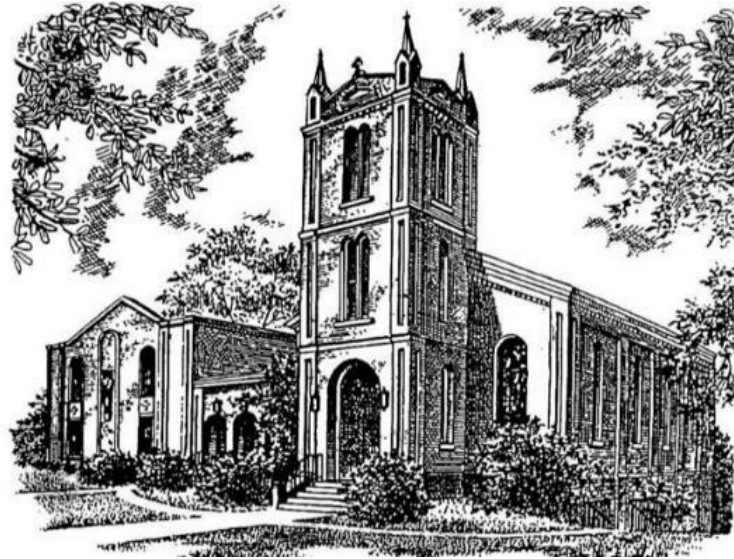


# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Columbia, Tennessee



## Clergy

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*Rector*

The Rev. Deacon Bonnie Lloyd-Downs  
*Deacon*

The Rev. Theodore Edwards  
*Priest Associate*

The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt  
*Bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee*

*The mission of St. Peter's Episcopal Church is to prepare the Parish Family to proclaim the word of God through worship, service, and evangelism.*

St. Peter's was formally organized on June 16, 1828, and was the second Episcopal Church established in Tennessee. Six former rectors have served the Church as bishops: James Hervey Otey, Leonidas Polk, Thomas Carruthers, Fred Gates, Frank K. Allan, and Robert G. Tharp. The first church building was located on Garden Street. The present edifice, begun in 1860, was not completed until after the Civil War in 1871. In 1926, the church interior was renovated to appear as it does today with the enlarged split chancel, rood beam, and the carved lectern and pulpit. The parish house was erected in 1924. Classrooms and offices were added in 1964.

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**KALENDAR OF THE WEEK:**

<i>Sunday, March 9</i>	<i>8:00 AM—Holy Eucharist Rite I</i> <i>9:15 AM—Sunday School</i> <i>9:15 AM—Confirmation Class</i> <i>10:15 AM—Holy Eucharist Rite I Family Service (Livestream)</i>
<i>Wednesday, March 12</i>	<i>5:30 PM—Evening Prayer, Sanctuary</i> <i>6:00 PM—Lenten Supper</i>
<i>Thursday, March 13</i>	<i>10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist and Healing Service</i> <i>5:00 PM—Building and Grounds Committee</i> <i>5:30 PM—Choir Practice</i>
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**TO HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS**

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<i>Martha Sue Cain</i>	<i>Jimmy Waters</i>	<i>Arlene Crews</i>
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<i>Fr. Michael Murphy</i>	<i>Jessica Johnston</i>	
<i>Bess Harmon</i>		
<i>Ramzi Naddy</i>		
<i>B.I. Naddy</i>		
<i>Nancy Naddy</i>		
<i>Bill O'Brien</i>		
<i>Riley O'Brien</i>		
<i>Earl Parrott</i>		
	<i>Frank Finney Jr.</i>	
	<i>William McCarthy</i>	
	<i>April Colvett</i>	
	<i>Mahina Schweiger</i>	
	<i>Bruce Thompson</i>	
	<i>Brynn Flatt</i>	
	<i>Tucker Flatt</i>	
	<i>Edna Waters</i>	
	<i>Joan Oschack</i>	
	<i>Bob Harlan</i>	
	<i>Randy Knicely</i>	
	<i>Alan Talbot</i>	
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	<i>Owen VanderHorst</i>	
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# St. Peter's

EPISCOPAL  CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE ONE  
SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025  
10:15 AM

**PRELUDE** *Aubade (Song of Dawn)*, Brenda Portman Dr. Peter Douglas, organ

## INTRODUCTION FOR RADIO LISTENERS



Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church broadcasting from WKRM 103.7. Our Orders of Worship and a livestream of this service may be found on our website: [www.saintpeterscolumbia.org](http://www.saintpeterscolumbia.org). Thank you for joining us today, and we hope we can welcome you in person for worship very soon.



## CALL TO WORSHIP



Please stand, as able, when the bell tolls for worship



## GREAT LITANY (BCP) S 67 *The Great Litany (Merbecke)* (BCP p. 148)


*The Officiant at the Litany may be a lay cantor.*


*Officiant*  *People*   
O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.



*Officiant*  *People*   
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant*  *People*   
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant*  *People*   
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant*   
Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

*People*   
preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

*Officiant*   
From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the  
  
devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*

**From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,**

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

**From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,**

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

**From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,**

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

**From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,**

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

**From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,**

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

**By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,**

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

**By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,**

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

**In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,**

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

**We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,**



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*

**That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,**

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,**

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,**

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,**

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,**

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,**

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,**

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,**

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,**

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,**

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,**

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,**

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,**

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,**

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,**

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,**

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,**

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,**

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,**

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,**

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

**That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of St. Peter and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,**

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*



*Officiant* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*People* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.



O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.

### **KYRIE Lord Have Mercy (Merbecke)**



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 166)**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And with thy spirit.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**FIRST READING:**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

<sup>1</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>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; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.

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

**PSALM 91: *You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord [On Eagle's Wings] (Michael Joncas)***

*Remain seated.*

Choir: You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!" **[ALL Sing Refrain:]**

Refrain

And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the  
breath of dawn, make you to shine like the  
sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand. *to Verses (last time to Coda)* ☩

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. **[REFRAIN]**

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. **[REFRAIN]**

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. **[REFRAIN]**

**SECOND READING:**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

<sup>8b</sup>"The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart"  
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

#### SEQUENCE HYMN *In Christ there is no East or West (McKee) (H 529)*

#### GOSPEL:

*All stand.*

Deacon           The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
People            *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

[After his baptism,] <sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written,

    'Worship the Lord your God,  
    and serve only him.'"

<sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

    'He will command his angels concerning you,  
    to protect you,'

<sup>11</sup>and

    'On their hands they will bear you up,  
    so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Deacon           The Gospel of the Lord.  
People            *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, children are invited to come forward to the first pew for the Children's sermon.*

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### THE SERMON

#### THE CREED

*All stand.*

I believe in one God,  
    the Father Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
    the only-begotten Son of God,  
    begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
    God of God, Light of Light,  
    very God of very God,



begotten, not made,  
 being of one substance with the Father;  
 by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation  
     came down from heaven,  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
     and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered and was buried;  
 and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
 and ascended into heaven,  
 and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
 and he shall come again, with glory,  
     to judge both the quick and the dead;  
 whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
 who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
     and glorified;  
 who spake by the Prophets.  
 And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
     and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**THE PEACE**

*All stand.*

Celebrant           The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
 People                *And with thy spirit.*

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Birthdays: Mary Scoggins, Janie Potts, Joann Belcher, Michael Bryan, J. Gray, Jane Anne Webster, Stacie O'Brien, Deborah Notley, John Tuck, Win Halliday, Sally Bowhay, William Riley, Piper Garcia, Stacey Ross, Robert Fleming, Megan Thornton, and Emily Holmes.*

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*, arr. Marie Pooler

**PRESENTATION HYMN** *The glory of these forty days (Erhalt uns Herr)* Verse 5

O Fa-ther, Son, and Spi-rit blest, to thee be ev-ery prayer ad-dressed, who  
 art in three-fold Name a-dored, from age to age, the on-ly Lord.

### SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 333)

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is meet and right so to do.*

### LENT PROPER PREFACE

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to love no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who dies for us and rose again.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying,

### SANCTUS *Holy, holy, holy (Merbecke)*



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo-ry:



Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the Name of the Lord.



Ho-san-na in the High-est.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 341)

*The people kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### FRACTION ANTHEM *O Lamb of God (Merbecke)*



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

### PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

### INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*In the Episcopal church ALL Baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive the Body and Blood of Christ—or a Blessing. Gluten free wafers are also available upon request. Those who wish may receive in their pew. Please inform the Usher.*

COMMUNION HYMN *Now let us all with one accord (Bourbon)* (H 147)

COMMUNION HYMN *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us (Dulce carmen)* (H 559)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 339)

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

BLESSING (BCP p. 339)

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Lord, who throughout these forty days (St. Flavian)* (H 142)

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 340)

Deacon            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People            Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Maestoso in D Minor*, Elizabeth Stirling

Dr. Peter Douglas, organ

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## NOTES

### **Women Composer Sunday, March 9, 2025, Music Notes**

Today is Woman Composer Sunday. For centuries, women were excluded or discouraged from contributing music for the church. Established in 2021 by the Society of Women Organists and Royal College of Organists in the United Kingdom and adopted by the American Guild of Organists, Woman Composer Sunday raises awareness of the contributions of these composers during Women's History Month. Our organist, Dr. Peter Douglas, and our choir are joining others in the U.K., United States, and around the world on this day by performing pieces by women. The prelude *Aubade (Song of Dawn)* is by American organist and composer Brenda Portman (b. 1980). Following a decade of successes in performance competitions, and now with her compositions increasingly in demand, Portman has established a well-respected dual career as both a concert organist and composer. The offertory anthem *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* is arranged by American composer Marie Pooler (1928-2013). She was a prolific choral composer and arranger, and played the organ, flute, and piano. The postlude *Maestoso in D Minor* is by English organist and composer, Elizabeth Stirling (1819-1895). Stirling was a talented organist, noted for her exceptional pedal playing.