

St. Peter's Church

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WELCOME to St. Peter's Church. We are glad you are here! The clergy and laity welcome all joining us for worship this morning in the Name of Christ. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to the clergy and sign our guest book and give us a chance to get to know you. Please join us in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. Come forward to the communion rail, stand or kneel to receive the bread in your hand. If you wish to receive only a blessing, cross your hands over your heart and the Priest will bless you.

Mission Statement: We are an inclusive, forward-looking Episcopal parish that seeks to grow in Christ through worship, education and fellowship, serves Christ by ministering to local and global communities and shares Christ in following His command to "Love one another as I have loved you." **Vision Statement:** Our vision at St. Peter's is to be an inclusive, vibrant Christian community honoring our Episcopal heritage by achieving excellence in worship, mission, education and fellowship.

+ We Gather In God's Presence +

[* indicates all standing - + indicates all kneeling - **indicates all sitting]

[Silence for prayer and preparation]

Prelude

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

There is one Body and one Spirit; There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; One God and Father of all.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray. Collect of the Day Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

+ We Listen To The Word Of God +

**First Reading - Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**Second Reading – Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is

honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel – Matthew 22:1-14 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Sermon: The Rev. Joseph Dietz

silence]

[Following the sermon parents and godparents with baby Emma will stand on the side of the lectern facing the congregation for the presentation]

[Following the sermon, please observe a few moments of

*Presentation and Examination of the Candidate Emma Larkin Kolata

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present Emma Larkin Kolata to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

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Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents I d

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Emma in her life in Christ?

We will.

Let us join with *Emma* who *is* being committed to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? *I will, with God's help.*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Baptismal Candidate

The celebrant says to the congregation: Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver *Emma*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. Leader

Lord, hear our prayer. Open her heart to your grace and truth. Lord, hear our prayer. Fill *her* with your holy and life-giving Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer. Keep *her* in the faith and communion of your holy Church. Lord, hear our prayer. Teach *her* to love others in the power of the Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer. Send *her* into the world in witness to your love. Lord, hear our prayer. Lord, hear our prayer. Bring *her* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant

Emma Larkin Kolata I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** Emma Larkin Kolata you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen. (The baptismal party walks back to the chancel)

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized. (From the chancel steps)

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with ALL us in his eternal priesthood.

*The Peace The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly Doxology

host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

+ We Share Holy Communion +

*The Great Thanksgiving [The people remain standing.]

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory; hosanna in the highest: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

+ 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: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, *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 forever. Amen. Christ our Passover <i>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

- +Communion of the People
- +Post Communion Prayer Let us pray. 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

Announcements

*Dismissal

Postlude

Intercessions This Week - Please pray: • For those who are sick, or in any other adversity, especially Joan Grunwell, Vernet Spence-Brown, Greg Schiele, Deacon Lou Steffenhagen • For the men and women who are serving in our armed forces. • For those with whom we give thanks, especially Phoebe Foerster, Elizaeth Fifer and Henry Young who celebrate a birthday this week; Gregory and Danielle Love who celebrate a wedding anniversary this week. • For all who have died especially, Naomi Grunwell and Margaret Laulor.

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Prayers for the Baptismal Candidate

Leader Deliver *Emma*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. *People Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Open *her* hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill *her* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep *her* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach *her* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send *her* into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring *her* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant continues