

ST. PETER'S

Built on the Rock.
Powered by the Spirit.

Please be in a spirit of quiet prayer as we prepare for worship. We invite you to come to the altar rail and offer a prayer that the Holy Spirit will renew our minds with truth and pour the love of God into our hearts as we hear the Word of God read and the Gospel proclaimed.



The Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2026 ✚ 8:30 am

The Holy Eucharist

Voluntary Adagio in G Minor (Thomaso Albinoni)

Choir *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* (Taizé refrain)

Hymnal 143 The glory of these forty days

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever!**

The Collect for Purity BCP 355

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**

Kyrie (sung in Greek) BCP 356

Kyrie eleison (2 times) Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison (2 times) Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison (2 times) Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

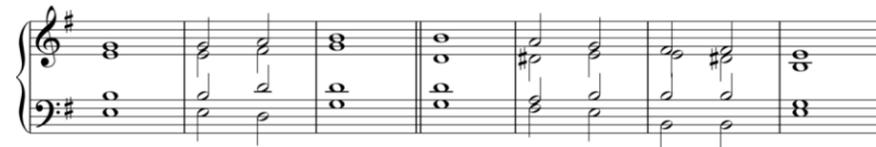
The First Lesson Exodus 17:1-7

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up

out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

Psalm 95:1-8 BCP 728
John Blow (1649-1708)



- 1 O come, let us | **sing unto** the | LORD; *
let us heartily rejoice in the | strength of | our sal- | vation.
- 2 Let us come before his | **presence with** thanks- | **giving**; *
and show ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a | **great** | God; *
and a great | King a- | bove all | gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the | **corners of** the | earth; *
and the strength of the | hills is | his al- | so.
- 5 The sea is | **his, and** he | **made it**; *
and his hands pre- | pared the | **dry** | land.
- 6 O come, let us | **worship and** fall | down, *
and | **kneel before** the | LORD our | **Maker**.
- 7 For he is the | Lord our | God; *
and we are the people of his pasture, and the | **sheep** | of his | hand.
- 8 Today if you will hear his voice, | **harden not** your | hearts *
as in the provocation, and as in the day of temp- | ta-tion | in the |
wilderness.

The Epistle Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

Hymnal 455

O Love of God, how strong and true

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ acc. to John
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel John 4:5-42

⁵ So Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." ²⁷Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" ³⁰They went out of the town and were coming to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. ³⁶Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." ³⁹Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

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

The Sermon The Rev. Jeremy Bergstrom

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

The Prayers of the People Form III BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Additional prayers, suitable to the occasion, may be said.

We then welcome your prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant prays a concluding collect.

Confession and Absolution BCP 360

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.
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 priest pronounces the absolution.

The Peace

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

Rector's Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Choir *Turn Thy Face from My Sins*
(Thomas Attwood)

Doxology Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) BCP 361

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 continues

Sanctus BCP 362

The Celebrant continues

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

The Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Fraction BCP 364

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Agnus Dei BCP 407

All Christians baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and of a clean conscience are welcome to receive communion. All others are invited to come forward to receive a blessing or remain in their seats in prayer. If you are interested in baptism, please contact the office.

Choral Scholars *He Humbled Himself*
(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina)

Hymnal 341 For the bread which you have broken

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

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.

Blessing

Hymnal 658 As longs the deer for cooling streams

Dismissal BCP 366

The Deacon dismisses the congregation

People **Thanks be to God!**

Voluntary *Diapason Movement* (John Keeble)

You can dedicate altar flower arrangements throughout the year.
Your thanksgiving or memorial will be placed in the bulletin.

Plate & Pledge	MTD Jan 2026	YTD Jan 2026
Actual	\$28,720.93	\$28,720.93
Budget	\$43,750.00	\$43,750.00

PARISH Calendar

Monday - Thursday Church Office Open 9:00am - 4:00pm
Monday - Friday School Open 9:00am - 1:30pm

Sunday, March 8

7:00am Choir Rehearsal
8:30am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist
11:00am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist, Kids' Church & Nursery

Monday, March 9

9:30am Morning Prayer on St. Peter's website www.stpeterslakemary.org

Tuesday, March 10

10:00om Women's Bible Study in the Family Life Center
6:30pm Men's and Women's Bible Study in the Family Life Center

Wednesday, March 11

1:00pm Handwork Group in the Family Life Center
5:45pm Evening Prayer
6:30pm Soup Supper and Study - Series by Allistair Begg

Thursday, March 12

7:00pm Band Practice in the Church

Saturday, March 14

7:30am Grace & Grits @ First United Methodist in Sanford

Sunday, March 15

7:00am Choir Rehearsal
8:30am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist
11:00am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist, Kids' Church & Nursery

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The text of the service contained in this program is taken from The Book of Common Prayer 1979. The Book of Common Prayer is the authority for worship of the Episcopal Church. This order of service has been provided for your convenience. All Scriptures are taken from The English Standard Version. The Psalms are from the BCP 1979.