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*The Third Sunday after the Epiphany*  
*January 25, 2026*

### **Welcome**

We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship today. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We are a church rooted in Christian tradition, and open to new ideas, committed to service in community and world as part of the worldwide Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. The work of worship is shared by all, and we invite you to participate in the said and sung responses as you are able.

All are welcome to make a gift and offering in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we have received. To take advantage of our electronic giving options, please follow the QR code with your capable electronic device. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.



### **Morning Prayer**

Opening Sentences  
Confession and Absolution

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*BCP, page 79*

### INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Invitatory and *Gloria Patri*  
*Venite*

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*BCP, page 82*

Psalm 27 *Dominus illuminatio*

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the LORD is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
and to seek him in his temple.

- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
 he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
 and set me high up on a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
 above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
 with sounds of great gladness; \*  
 I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Harken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
 have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
 Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
 nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; \*  
 do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.  
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore ever. Amen.

## THE LESSONS

### First Reading

*Isaiah 9:1-4*

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

### Canticle 11, *Surge, Illuminare*

*BCP page 87*

### Second Reading

*Matthew 4:12-23*

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun

and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 16, *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

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Apostles’ Creed

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#### THE PRAYERS

Prayers of the People: Form II

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Collect of the Day

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Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Intercessions

The General Thanksgiving

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Prayer of St. Chrysostom and the Grace

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#### *THIS WEEK’S PARISH NOTICES*

##### **STEWARDSHIP 2026—GIFTS FROM OUR SOULS**

Our annual stewardship drive, *Gifts from Our Souls*, continues. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus tells us whatever we value most will be the focus of our deepest affections. As we prayerfully consider how much we want to give, let’s ask ourselves the question, “What do we love about St. Peter’s, and how can help these good things grow?”

## ST. PETER'S YOUTH (SPY) PANCAKE SUPPER

Be sure to sign up for our pre-Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, *Tuesday February 10*, Adults \$10; Kids \$5; Families \$25; Tickets will not be sold at the door. Venmo [@Christina-Doyle-15](https://www.venmo.com/Christina-Doyle-15) (last four digits: 7878) or make your payment during Coffee Hour by February 8. Please indicate how many are attending. *The supper is being held a week before Shrove Tuesday due to school schedules.*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

I am looking for two Ushers for the Family Eucharist on February 15. If your child is interested, please email me. Our awesome program is also looking for volunteers to help teach Sunday School. This is a wonderful opportunity to work with the children of St. Peter's in this important ministry; no teaching experience needed!—*Lindsay Thompson* ([thompson@stpetersef.org](mailto:thompson@stpetersef.org)).

## PRAYER LIST

St. Peter's is a community of prayer and service. Holding one another's joys, sorrows, and concerns before God in prayer is a spiritual practice at the heart of our life together as a parish family. We encourage you to pray throughout the week for these members of our parish family. We invite you to add yourself or others to the St. Peter's prayer list by submitting a request to the Parish Office.  
*Laurie Alcott, Joan Aliotta, Stanley Au, Amye Becker, Duffy Bell, Nancy Bivona, Kris Blake, Carl, Carl Carvell, Muriel Bowness, Kathy Calfee, Martha Capel, Frank Cintron, Adele Corcoran, Becky Dawson, Gabriel Cowell, Arnie Hartelius, Wayne Hill, Tania Jenkins, Eddie K., Jeffrey Kamel, Katherine Kamen, Robert Kazimir, Ed Kamper, Colin Kelley, Katie King, Neal King, Lauren L., Laurieann, Sally L., Mark Lewis, Ben M., Marino Family, Tom Marriott, Bill Musser, Nunno Family, Lisa & Gary Pyne, Richardson & Dickhaus families, Craig Roper, Ruth Ann, Sarah, Kathy Stanton, Frank Zupa.*

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