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St. Peter's Church

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*THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 6, 2020 ~ Online YouTube Service*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light these two candles of Advent to proclaim the fire of God's judgment that the world may prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest and People:

Grant us, Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy City, where dwells the true and never failing Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: Our King and Savior now draws near.

People: Come let us adore Him.

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Thou art Peter and upon this rock I

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it

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**TODAY'S SUNDAY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE
TO VIEW ON YOUTUBE. PLEASE COPY AND PASTE
THE FOLLOWING LINK IN YOUR BROWSER:**

<https://youtu.be/M440UijA6pA>

PRELUDE	LORD CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON	HEINRICH SCHEIDEMANN
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH		
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	73 THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS	ST. STEPHEN
+ OPENING AFFIRMATION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 323
+ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS	HERBERT SUMSION IN F	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 324
COLLECT FOR THE DAY		SEE INSERT
CONFESSION OF SIN		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 41
+ VENITE	S-4	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 44
+ PSALM		PSALM 85
THE FIRST LESSON		ISAIAH 40:1-11
+ BENEDICTUS	S-193	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 50
THE EPISTLE		2 PETER 3:8-15a, 18
+ SERMON HYMN	59 HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING	MERTON
+ THE HOLY GOSPEL		MARK 1:1-8
SERMON ~ THE REV. PAUL J. HARTT, RECTOR		
+ THE APOSTLES' CREED		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 53
COLLECTS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 56
THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 58
THE PRAYERS AND GRACE		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 54
THE PEACE		
ANTHEM	AND THE GLORY	G. F. HANDEL
CLOSING PRAYERS AND BENEDICTION		
+ RECESSIONAL HYMN	537 CHRIST FOR THE WORLD WE SING	MOSCOW
POSTLUDE	MAGNIFICAT	HEINRICH SCHEIDEMANN

(+ All Standing)

~ Parish Notes ~

Newcomers: If you are interested in receiving more information about St. Peter's Church or if you would like to be added to the church directory please feel free to call the church office at (518)434-3502.

Virtual Coffee Hour: Our Zoom Coffee Hour takes place each and every Sunday at 11:45AM. Grab a cup of coffee and join in! The Zoom app is necessary and readily available. You may also call in to the meeting if you don't have internet and still want to join in. Each week the Zoom link and the Call-In Meeting ID and Password will be emailed to you. Please let us know if you would like to be added to our email list.

Pledge Cards: Pledge cards for 2021 have been mailed out to all parishioners. If you did not receive a pledge card please call the church office. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please take a minute to complete your card and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate during the service. Pledges can also be made on the St. Peter's website at www.stpeterschurchalbany.org by clicking on the "Get your pledge card" button. You may also call the church office and we would be more than happy to complete a card for you. Thank you to those that have promptly completed and returned their pledge card or pledged online.

Advent Wreath Prayer Leaflet: The Advent Wreath Prayer Leaflet is available on the table in the back of the church. It is also available on the church website for you to print out. On the home page of the website click on the "Info Center" tab and when it opens up click on "Advent Wreath Prayers".

Christmas Gift Giving: Due to the Coronavirus protocols with the decontamination of gifts, and also the low attendance in church, we have decided not to have our traditional Giving Tree this year. Laura Rulison has asked if we could possibly do something for the children and the elderly of the St. Francis Soup Kitchen (Grace & Holy Innocents). Therefore, it has been decided that we would give \$10 Walmart or Target gift cards to each of them. If you are interested in participating, please mail your gift cards to the church or drop off to Ruth in the church office. For those that cannot purchase gift cards but would like to participate in gift giving, you may send your monetary donation to the church and we will purchase the gift card for you or you can make a donation through the church website. Please indicate "Christmas Gift Cards" on the check or on your website donation. The deadline to send in gift cards and donations is Monday, December 14th.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS, WREATHS AND SWAGS DONATION: The traditional Hanging of the Greens in which we decorate the church for Christmas will **NOT** take place this year. However, we will continue to have poinsettias placed on the altars, and some wreaths and swags will be hung throughout the church. Your gifts to honor, show thanks, and to remember loved ones are necessary so that we can continue with these decorations. If you would like to be part of this floral tribute, please complete the enclosed Christmas Flower form and send it to the church office with your donation. The Flower Form is also available on the church website. On the home page click on the "Info Center" tab and then click on "Special Event Forms" and then choose "2020 Christmas Poinsettia" form. The deadline is Wednesday, December 16th. Thank you for your support.

Readers for the Online YouTube Video Services: We are looking for members of St. Peter's who would like to participate in the taped readings for our Online YouTube Video Services. If you are interested please call the church office at (518)434-3502 for more information.

Sunday Service Videos: Every Sunday a filmed Sunday Service from inside St. Peter's Church with Fr. Hartt or Mtr. Sue is available for your viewing. Each service also contains music from the St. Peter's Choir. Every Sunday, St. Peter's parishioners are emailed the YouTube Video Link. Please let us know if you would like to be added to our email list. Each video is also published on the church website on Sunday morning for that day as well as on the St. Peter's Church Facebook page. The weekly leaflet and readings for each Sunday are also available on the church website as well. Click on the "Info Center" tab and then click on "Weekly Leaflet" or "Weekly Readings" and then click on the appropriate date for each. Both the leaflet and readings can be printed out so that you may follow along. Today's YouTube Service Video link is: <https://youtu.be/M440UjjA6pA>

Please remember in your prayers: Betsy Ballard, Ruth Bornt, Sharon Bornt, Fred Buse, Inga Carpenter, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Moriah, Morris Daly, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, Lucille Esposito, Tony Esposito, Donna Hershey, Sonya, Doreen Johnson, Mark Lundberg, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Deej Patterson, Vicky Pautler, Bill Purdy, Liam, Edmund Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Eileen Smith, Frank Spath, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Carol Tripp, Christer Westin, Christina Wright, Aunt Rosie and Family.

Birthdays: 12/8 ~ Fr. Paul Hartt; 12/10 ~ Jimmy Troiano; 12/11 ~ Michael Barnes; 12/12 ~ Carol Pitsas

OFFICE HOURS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 6th

10:30AM Holy Communion and Sermon, No Sunday School or Child Care

Wednesday, December 9th

12:05PM Noon Holy Communion

Children's Videos: Each and every Sunday we feature a Sunday School Lesson video and a Children's Homily video for you to watch from home. The YouTube Video Links are emailed to you every Sunday along with the Sunday Service Video Link. Please let us know if you would like to be added to our email list. The videos are also available to view on the church website home page under the St. Peter's Church Facebook section. Blessings until we can be together again at Church. If you have any questions, please call Laura Rulison at (518)368-4284. Today's Children's Homily Video Link is: https://youtu.be/LZ_NOKwc9PU. Today's Sunday School Lesson Video Link is: <https://youtu.be/15VjWvMj04Y>

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer Videos: Please visit the St. Peter's Facebook page for a daily Morning Prayer video with Mtr. Sue and a daily Evening Prayer video with Fr. Hartt. You can also access the church's Facebook Page through the St. Peter's Church website's home page.

Prayer Book and Bible at Home. Family Devotions are a great comfort. Our Tradition encourages the use of the Prayer Book and Bible in this way. The Service of Morning Prayer begins on page 41. You can also go online to hear a spoken Daily Office at: <https://www.missionstclare.com/english/spoken/spoken.html>

Resources for Home Worship: The Episcopal Diocese wants to encourage you to worship from home while this health crisis unfolds and to do so they have compiled a resource list for you. By no means does this list provide all available resources, but it does give you a number of options to guide you in your home worship. You may also reach out to your parish clergy for ideas and suggestions. These resources can be found on the Albany Diocese's website at: <https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/worship-resources-during-covid-19-pandemic/>