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St. Peter's Church

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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 6, 2022 ~ 10:30AM Service

Temptation

"When you flee from temptation, don't leave a forwarding address." (Anon.)

Temptation is one of those ideas that is tossed around carelessly in ordinary conversation: *"I was so tempted to eat that whole bag of peanut butter cups."* I'm sure you can come up with your own examples of everyday temptations.

In Biblical usage, temptation is a much more serious issue. Jesus warned the Disciples, *"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."* (Matthew 26:41), and James, describing the source of temptation, says, *"But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it; then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin."* (James 1:14-15)

The kind of temptation that Jesus and James are talking about happens when we face a choice between our own desires and God's plan for us. But, how do I know when my desire is not what God wants? *Ask Him.* Pray for His help and guidance. Ask for the strength to do the right thing. As Christians, we are promised that we will never face temptations alone: *"And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."* (1 Corinthians 10:13)

And what if I falter? What if I choose the wrong road? Be of good cheer, *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us."* (1 John 1:9) Therefore, when facing temptation, do not be afraid! Cling to the Lord with all your strength, and He will show you the way.

Dr. John Davis

Thou art Peter & upon this rock I

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it

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10:30 A.M. ~ HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON
~ Sunday School and Child Care ~

PRELUDE	O MAN, BEWAIL THY GRIEVOUS SIN	J. S. BACH
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	150 FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS	AUS DER TIEFE
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Blessed be God who forgiveth all our sins.	
<i>People:</i>	His mercy endureth forever.	
THE GREAT LITANY	SEE INSERT	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 148
KYRIE ELEISON	SHORT SERVICE	ADRIAN BATTEN
COLLECT FOR THE DAY		SEE INSERT
THE FIRST LESSON		DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11
THE PSALM		PSALM 91:9-15
THE EPISTLE		ROMANS 10:5-13
+ HYMN	635 IF THOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE THEE	WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT
+ THE HOLY GOSPEL		LUKE 4:1-13
SERMON ~ THE REV. HELENE PATTERSON		
DEACON AT ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SCHUYLerville, NY		
+ THE NICENE CREED		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 327
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 328
THE GENERAL CONFESSION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 330
ABSOLUTION		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 332
THE PEACE		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 332
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	EXPECTANS EXPECTAVI	CHARLES WOOD
DEACON'S PRAYER		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 336
AGNUS DEI	BATTEN	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 337
COMMUNION HYMN	321 MY GOD, THY TABLE NOW IS SPREAD	ROCKINGHAM
COMMUNION MOTET	LORD, FOR THY TENDER MERCY'S SAKE	J. HILTON
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 339
THE BLESSING		
+ RECESSIONAL HYMN	688 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD	EIN FESTE BURG
POSTLUDE	A MIGHTY FORTRESS	MAX REGER

(+ All Standing)

IN THE TRADITIONAL OBSERVANCE OF LENT
THERE WILL NOT BE ANY FLOWERS OR GREENS PLACED ON ANY OF THE ALTARS

THE USHERS at the 10:30AM Service are Sharon DeBonis and Catherine Schunk
THE LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER at the 10:30AM Service is Gordon Lattey

~ **Parish Notes** ~

Coffee Hour: Please join us for coffee hour after the 10:30AM service. All are welcome.

Newcomers: If you are interested in receiving more information about St. Peter's Church please feel free to call the church office or fill out an information card that is located in your pew. If you would like to be added to the church directory please call the church office.

Pledge Cards: Pledge cards for 2022 were mailed out in January. 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.

Guest Preacher: Today we welcome back Deacon Helene Patterson as our guest preacher. Deacon Helene joins us today from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Schuylerville, NY. We thank her for her time and her continued willingness to serve in our time of transition.

Daylight Saving Time: We "spring ahead" next Sunday, March 13th! Don't forget to set your clocks ahead the night before so that you are prompt for church services that morning.

Vestry Meeting: The March Vestry meeting will be held this Tuesday, March 8th at 5:15PM in the Meeting Room on the second floor of the Guild House.

Angels in Training: The Angels in Training will feed the homeless at St. Francis Mission on Saturday, March 19th from 11AM to 1PM. We are in desperate need of helping hands so please consider helping for these 2 hours and give back to those less fortunate.

Easter Lily Requests: Parishioners and friends wishing to place lilies on the altar at Easter to honor, show thanks, or remember loved ones are asked to complete the enclosed form and return it to the church office with your donation no later than Palm Sunday, April 10th. Suggested donation is \$25.

The Last Supper: On Sunday, April 3rd during the 10:30AM service the Sunday School will reenact the Last Supper. This will include the story of Jesus and his disciples, washing of our feet and taking part in the Most Holy Bread and Wine (juice). All are welcome to take part in this wonderful activity.

Easter Egg Coloring: On Sunday, April 10th the Sunday School children will be coloring Easter eggs during the 10:30AM service. Please allow them to dress in "old clothes" - but just in case, there will be a small number of smocks available. We hope all of the children will join in this fun event!

Chrism Mass: You are invited to attend the annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of All Saints on Monday, April 11th at 8:30PM. The clergy of the Diocese will re-affirm their ordination vows and Bishop Smith will consecrate the chrism oil for our use during the coming year.

Good Friday Music at St. Peter's: On Good Friday, April 15th at 1PM the St. Peter's Choir, with orchestra, will present *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Heinrich Schutz following the Good Friday liturgy at noon. All are welcome to attend as your schedules allow, free of charge.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt: All are welcome to join the Sunday School children on Saturday, April 16th for the annual St. Peter's Easter Egg Hunt. The festivities will begin at 11AM at the Rectory located at 8 Loudon Heights South, Loudonville, NY 12211. Please be sure to bring a basket and a friend!

Please remember in your prayers: Betsy Ballard, Ruth Bornt, Sharon Bornt, Willard Bridgham, Fred Buse, Inga Carpenter, Liam, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Morris Daly, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, James Dykeman, Donna Hershey, Doreen Johnson, Christy Judge, Moriah, Neil Keen, Mark Lundberg, Mara Malatestinic, Diana Martin, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Donna Ohlman, Grant Ohlman, DeeJ Patterson, Sonya, Vicky Pautler, Bill Purdy, 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.

Birthdays: 3/7 ~ Sydney Hardy, Pat Hartman; 3/8 ~ Samantha DeFrias, Richard Myers, Jr.; 3/9 ~ Fredrik Westin;
3/12 ~ Agnes Beverley, Christy Fish

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The Rt. Rev. Michael G. Smith

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 6th
10:30AM Holy Communion, Sermon, Sunday School and Child Care

Tuesday, March 8th
5:15PM Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, March 9th
8:45AM Top of the Hill
No Holy Communion

Thursday, March 10th
5:30PM - 7:00PM Full Choir Rehearsal

History of the Great Litany

The Great Litany has a long history in the Christian Church and particularly in the Episcopal Church. Originally called just “litany” or “the Litany” it was used as early as the fifth century in Rome but probably originated even earlier in the Christian church of Antioch. The most common form of the litany at that time was a public procession, in which religious pictures and other emblems were carried through the streets by priests and deacons, followed by the faithful, while prayers were being sung or said. In Rome, pope and people would go in procession each day in Lent to a different church to celebrate the Eucharist.

The Litany as we know it was prepared by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer during the reign of Henry VIII and was first published in 1544. At the time it was still the practice for litanies to be offered in procession through public neighborhoods, but because the prayers were offered in Latin, the people were not responding. Dismayed by this, Henry accordingly decreed that a litany be written in English. Thus, the Great Litany is considered to be the first prayer directly composed in the English language for use in public worship, and its form today is substantially the same as Cranmer’s original version.

The 1552 Book of Common Prayer (BC) called for use of the Litany after the fixed collects of Morning Prayer on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The 1928 BCP allowed the Litany to be used after the fixed collects of Morning or Evening Prayer, or before the Eucharist, or separately. The 1979 BCP titled this Litany "The Great Litany" (p. 148), distinguishing it from other litanies in the Prayer Book.

The word “litany” means supplication, or humble request. The Great Litany includes an invocation of the Trinity; petitions seeking deliverance from evil, spiritual harm, and natural calamities; prayers of general intercession; the Agnus Dei; the Kyrie; the Lord’s Prayer; and a versicle and response based on Ps 33:22; a concluding collect; and the grace (BCP, pp.148-154).