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1712 St. Peter's Church 2022

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 27, 2022 ~ 10:30AM Service

True Confessions

"Let us confess our sins unto Almighty God." These familiar words call us to join in the prayer of Confession (Morning Prayer Rite I, BCP p. 41), to admit to ourselves and to God that we have done wrong and to ask for His mercy. The prayer of Confession has come down to the present day nearly unchanged from the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549, but its lyrical phrases still have the power to move us: "we have erred and strayed like lost sheep... we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts..." However, because these words have become so familiar through many years of repetition, it is easy to forget what they truly mean. In today's Gospel, we have an example of a simple, spontaneous confession made by the younger son,

"I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" (Luke 15:18-19)

There are two important things to note about this confession. First, when the son says, "I will go to my father," it is a statement of faith. Before he even gets up to return, the son believes in his father's intrinsic goodness and mercy. That is the way you and I should approach God when we sin: "I will go to my Father." He is always waiting to forgive us, if only we will turn to Him again. Mercy is in God's very nature because God is love.

The second thing to note about the son's confession is that he acknowledges that he is unable to save himself: "I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." When you and I confess our sins to God we also confess that we have no power to deliver ourselves from those sins. After all, if we had the power to change ourselves without God's help, Jesus would not have had to come. But Jesus has come and so we pray in hope and in faith,

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent.

When you and I truly confess and repent, our sins are not only forgiven, but they are wiped out. That is God's mercy. That is God's love.

Thanks be to God!

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. ~ MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

~ Sunday School and Child Care ~

PRELUDE	BY THE WATERS OF BABYLON	J. S. BACH
+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN	471 WE SING THE PRAISE OF HIM WHO DIED	BRESLAU
+ <i>Celebrant:</i> Blessed be God who forgiveth all our sins. <i>People:</i> His mercy endureth forever.		
MORNING PRAYER ~ RITE ONE		
CONFESSION OF SIN		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 41
+ INVITATORY ANTIPHON	The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; O come, let us adore him.	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 43
+ VENITE	CHANT S-5	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 44
+ PSALM		PSALM 34:1-8
THE FIRST LESSON		2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21
~ THE CHILDREN LEAVE TO GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL ~		
+ BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE	CHANT S-184	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 49
THE SECOND LESSON		LUKE 15:11-32
+ BENEDICTUS	C. V. STANFORD IN B-FLAT	PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 50
+ THE APOSTLES' CREED		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 53
THE PRAYERS		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 54
COLLECT OF THE DAY		SEE INSERT
THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 58
A PRAYER OF CHRYSOSTOM		PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 59
+ SERMON HYMN	470 THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY	BEECHER
SERMON: "A NEW CREATION"		
DR. JOHN DAVIS ~ LAY PREACHER, ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH		
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	WHEN DAVID HEARD	THOMAS TOMKINS
+ DOXOLOGY AND VERSE 4 OF "AMERICA"	HYMN 380 ~ VERSE 3 AND HYMN 717 ~ VERSE 4	
CLOSING PRAYER		
+ RECESSIONAL HYMN	690 GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH	CWM RHONDDA
POSTLUDE	O LAMB OF GOD MOST HOLY	J. S. BACH

(+ 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 Mark Lundberg and Michele Lundberg

THE LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS at the 10:30AM Service are Gordon Lattey and Robin LaPlante

~ Parish Notes ~

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

Coffee Hour Volunteers: Volunteers are always needed for Sunday Coffee Hour. There is a sign-up sheet located in the kitchen near the Pumpelly Room. Please take a moment to review the sign-up sheet, and if you could find just **ONE** Sunday to commit to helping with coffee hour, it would be greatly appreciated. You can also call the church office at (518)434-3502 to sign up as well. Having fellowship after our time of worship with our church family is so very important, and it can only happen with **your** help.

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.

Lay Preacher: Today Dr. John Davis will be preaching. John is licensed as a Lay Preacher by the Albany Diocese. We are so grateful to John and we thank him for his service today and for his continued dedication to St. Peter's Church and our congregation.

Sunday School Singing: We invite the children of the parish to join Miss Caitlin today for the Sunday School Monthly Song during the 10:30AM service. We hope to show off their talents for your enjoyment sometime during the year.

Daughters of the King: The April DOK meeting will be held next Sunday, April 3rd. We will contact all DOK members to let them know if it will be in-person or virtually.

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: Next 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 Words of Christ on the Cross* by Heinrich Schütz 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: 3/28 ~ Jennifer Powell; 3/29 ~ Kathryn Ehrhardt; 3/30 ~ Clark Daggett, Bailey LaPlante; 4/1 ~ Robin Pugliese; 4/2 ~ Matthew Clark, Ted Jennings, Nancy McKenna

Anniversaries: 3/29 ~ Jim & Barbara Adams

OFFICE HOURS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 27th
10:30AM Morning Prayer and Sermon, Sunday School and Child Care

Wednesday, March 30th
8:45AM Top of the Hill
No Holy Communion

Thursday, March 31st
5:30PM - 7:00PM Full Choir Rehearsal

CROP Hunger Walk 2022!: Albany's CROP Hunger Walk Is Just One Month Away! St. Peter’s is participating yet again in the John U. Miller Memorial CROP Hunger Walk in Albany, to be held on Sunday, May 1st. Albany’s 2022 Walk will take place in person, departing from the First Lutheran Church, 646 State Street, Albany at 12:30 PM. Please contact Maria Holden (msholden1@aol.com) if you would like to join the St. Peter’s team of walkers. If you prefer, you may walk in your own neighborhood any time during the month of May. To contribute to Albany's CROP Walk and support our team, please visit our new team web page at: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/st-peters-episcopal-church-albany>. CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk events held in cities and towns across the US to raise funds to respond to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster around the globe. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised go to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts. Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world and our own community. Ending hunger is possible, and it is possible in our lifetime. Thank you for supporting the St. Peter’s Team and CROP Walk 2022!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 10th: Palm Sunday with Palm Procession
10:30AM ~ Choral Holy Communion Service

April 14th: Maundy Thursday
7:30PM ~ Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar

April 15th: Good Friday
12:00PM ~ Liturgy
1:00PM ~ *The Seven Words of Christ on the Cross*
by Heinrich Schütz performed by The St. Peter’s Choir
with Chamber Orchestra

April 16th: Holy Saturday
11:00AM ~ Egg Hunt at the Rectory

April 17th: Easter Sunday
8:30AM ~ Choral Holy Communion Service
10:30AM ~ Choral Holy Communion Service with Child Care