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St. Peter's Church

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GOOD FRIDAY ~ March 29, 2024
Noon Service



Thou art Peter and upon this rock I

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it

Good Friday

On this day the ministers enter in silence.

All then kneel for silent prayer, after which the Celebrant stands and begins the liturgy with the Collect of the Day.

Immediately before the Collect, the Celebrant may say

Celebrant Blessed be our God.

People For ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

First Reading:

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm:

Psalm 69:1-23

Second Reading:

Hebrews 10:1-25

The Passion Gospel is announced in the following manner

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

Gospel:

John 18:1-19:37

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (John 19:17) all stand.

Sermon **The Rev. Christina Hunter, Rector**

Hymn **164 Alone thou goest forth** **Bangor**

The Solemn Collects

All standing, the Deacon, or other person appointed, says to the people

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

The people remain standing.

*The biddings may be read by a Deacon or other person appointed.
The Celebrant says the Collects.*

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world;

For its unity in witness and service

For all bishops and other ministers and the people whom they serve

For Jeremiah, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese

For all Christians in this community

For those about to be confirmed, particularly Cole, Nathan and Christopher

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;

For Joseph, the President of the United States

For the Congress and the Supreme Court

For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations

For all who serve the common good

That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Silence

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed
For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled
For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish
For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair
For the sorrowful and bereaved
For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger

That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;

For those who have never heard the word of salvation

For those who have lost their faith

For those hardened by sin or indifference

For the contemptuous and the scornful

For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and
persecutors of his disciples

For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others

That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to
faith and obedience.

Silence

Merciful God, Creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls:
Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in
your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and pow-
er to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it;
and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may
be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us commit ourselves to our God, and pray for the grace of a holy
life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the
peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may
be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord,
and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

If desired, a wooden cross may now be brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people.

Anthem 2

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;
if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

Hymn 474 When I survey

Rockingham

The Clergy prepare the Altar for Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission
of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and
consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray in the words Our Savior Christ has taught us.

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Communion

*The service concludes with the following prayer.
No blessing or dismissal is added.*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your
passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now
and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living;
pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord;
and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the
Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The choir and congregation depart in silence.

~ **Parish Notes** ~

GOOD FRIDAY MUSIC: Today at 1:15 PM following the Noon service, the St. Peter's Choir accompanied by orchestra will present **THE CRUCIFIXION** by John Stainer, a Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer. All are welcome to attend as your schedule allows, free of charge.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt: All are welcome to join the Sunday School children this Saturday, March 30th 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!

Easter Sunday Services: This Sunday, March 31st, we will be offering an 8:30AM and a 10:30AM Choral Holy Communion service. Child care will be offered at the 10:30AM service. Please join us to celebrate this joyous day.

Office Closed: In observance of Easter, the church office will be closed on Monday, April 1st.

NEW RECTOR INSTITUTION: On Sunday, April 7th at 3PM, The Rev. Christina Hunter will be instituted as the 24th Rector of St. Peter's Church by Bishop Jeremiah Williamson. Your prayers and presence are requested. A reception will follow.

CALLING ALL BAKERS AND MAKERS: A reception is planned to celebrate Mtr. Christina's induction as our rector immediately following the 3PM service on Sunday, April 7th. Catering for the reception is being finalized, but we are inviting the bakers and makers among us to participate in the joyous occasion by bringing a dessert goodie. It will be a fun and meaningful way for us to celebrate as a St. Peter's family. Please text or email Michele Vennard at (518)858-0525 or mlvennard@gmail.com with your selection no later than Thursday, April 4th. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Pumpelly room. Many thanks and looking forward to a wonderful day.

Crop Walk: Save the Date - Sunday, May 5th!: St. Peter's is participating, yet again, in the John U. Miller Memorial CROP Hunger Walk in Albany, to be held Sunday, May 5, 2024. Albany's 2024 Walk will take place in person, departing at 1:30PM from St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 21 Hackett Blvd. in Albany, with registration beginning at 12:30PM. Please contact Maria Holden at 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/cropwalks/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 2024!

SAVE THE DATE: Regional Confirmation will take place here at St. Peter's Church with the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jeremiah Williamson on Thursday, May 16th at 7PM. St. Peter's Confirmands are Cole Cehowski, Nathan Douglas and Christopher Spath. All are invited to attend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, March 29th - Good Friday

12:00PM Good Friday Liturgy with Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament

1:15PM THE CRUCIFIXION by John Stainer performed by the St. Peter's
Choir with orchestra

Saturday, March 30th - Holy Saturday

8:30AM Liturgy Service

11:00AM Easter Egg Hunt at the Rectory

Sunday, March 31st - Easter Sunday

8:30AM Choral Holy Communion and Sermon

10:30AM Choral Holy Communion and Sermon with Child Care

OFFICE HOURS

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