**Wednesday Evening Eucharist**

**Lent**

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**St. Peter’s Episcopal Church**

**Litany**

**Celebrant** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**People** God's mercy endures for ever.

**Celebrant**  Christ who died for our sins, forgive the penitent.

**People**Lord, have mercy.

**Celebrant** Christ, who shared our griefs, comfort the sorrowing.

**People**Lord, have mercy.

**Celebrant** Christ, who thirsted on the cross, bring relief to the hungry.

**People** Lord, have mercy.

**Celebrant** Christ forsaken by all, be with the lonely and the sad.

**People** Christ, have mercy.

**Celebrant** Christ mocked and scorned, support the outcasts and rejected.

**People** Christ, have mercy.

**Celebrant** Christ who suffered great pain, be a strength to the weak.

**People** Christ, have mercy.

**Celebrant** Christ who died for us all, grant us your salvation.

**People** Lord, have mercy.

**Celebrant**  Christ crucified, done to death and buried, give us hope.

**People** Lord, have mercy*.*

**Celebrant** Christ who descended into hell, raise us to glory.

**People** Lord, have mercy.

**Celebrant**  Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**People**  God's mercy endures for ever.

**Confession**

**Celebrant and People**

Forgive those things we have done which have caused you sadness, and those things we should have done that would have brought you joy. In both we have failed ourselves and you. Bring us back to that place where our journey began, when we said that we would follow the way that you first trod. Lead us to the Cross and meet us there.

**The Absolution**

**Celebrant** Heavenly Father, you sent your Son into the world, not to condemn the

world, but that the world through him might be saved. Send your saving

power upon all who turn to you and seek new life in your name. Amen.

**Celebrant** The Lord by with you,

**People** And also with you

**Celebrant** Let us pray

God of all peace, whose Spirit fills our hearts, be with us as we seek to share your peace, that those whom we encounter on this earthly journey may see in our lives a reflection of your love; in the name of Christ. Amen.

**Gospel**

**Priest** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**All**Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*After the Gospel, the priest says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Intercessor** Please join me in offering your prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.

Blessed are you, O God, for you have filled the temple of creation with

the glory of life that glows.

**People** We give thanks to you.

**Intercessor** We bless you for the light of the sun and the moon and the stars, for the

whiteness of mountain snow and the glistening of waters.

**People** We give thanks to you.

**Intercessor** We give thanks for the goodness that grows from the ground, and from

which health and wholeness come.

**People** We give thanks to you.

**Intercessor** In remembering with thanks the times and places of plenty and

well-being in our lives, we stand also in prayer with those who are denied

these things, and ask that they not be forsaken in their time of trouble.

**People** Do not forsake us, O Lord.

**Intercessor** Let the cry of the poor be heard, O God, in heaven and on earth; let the

hungry be fed, and the oppressed be set free.

**People** Do not forsake us, O Lord.

**Intercessor** Let those in our community who are sick or suffering know healing

in body and soul.

*A silence – during which worshipers may add their own prayers silently or aloud.*

O God of all peace,

**People**  Do not forsake us, O Lord*.*

**Intercessor** Let nations at war cease their strife, neighbors in conflict stop their

arguments, and loved ones find peace at home.

**People** Do not forsake us, O Lord, but grant us your peace.

**Celebrant** The peace of Christ be always with you

**People** and also with you

**Offertory sentence**

**Celebrant** Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

**Eucharistic Prayers**

**Celebrant** All things are yours, O God of all creation,

**People** And so we return our gifts to you.

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home. In Christ your Son’s enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome. Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house. We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven saying the hymn of your unending glory:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.

heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign. Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom. Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of Mary the Mother of God, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. Amen

**Celebrant** As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray.

Our Father, in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

**Celebrant** He who has suffered for our injustices is now present in this bread.

He whose body was hung on a cross is now offered to us in this cup.

**Fraction**

**Celebrant** The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

**People** Lord, unite us in this sign.

**Celebrant** Come, you holy ones, receive the body of Christ, drinking the holy

blood by which you were redeemed.

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Celebrant and People**

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

**Blessings**

**Celebrant**Live without fear; your Creator has made you holy, has always

protected you, and loves you as a mother.  Go in peace to follow the

good road and may God’s blessing be with you always. AMEN

**OR**

**Celebrant**May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may

be light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,

the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you

always.  AMEN.

**OR**

**Celebrant** May you recognize in your life the presence, power, and light of your

soul. May you realize that you are never alone, that you have a special

destiny here, that behind the facade of your life there is something

beautiful and eternal happening. And may you learn to see yourself with

the same delight, pride, and expectation with which God sees you in

every moment. AMEN.

**Dismissal**