



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Lewes, Delaware

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Saturday, February 10, 2018, 5:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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*In preparation for worship, silence is kept after the altar candles are lighted.*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**\* THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

2 Kings 2:1–12

*Reader* A reading from the second book of Kings.

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

\* Indicates the People stand, as able.

† Indicates the People may make the sign of the cross.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**\* GOSPEL**

Mark 9:2-9

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Jeffrey Austin Ross, *Rector*

**\* THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Form VI

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in the Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially [ \_\_\_\_ and] those on our prayer list: *The People may add their own petitions.* Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *The People may add their own thanksgivings.*  
We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Leader* We pray for all who have died, † [especially \_\_\_\_ ] that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *The People may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

*Celebrant* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence is kept.* Have mercy upon us,

*People* **most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins † through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Lord, you call serving caregivers and you give gifts to make their service possible. We thank you today for the willing and gifted hands and hearts that you have given to us in our Stephen Ministry. Thank you for our Stephen Leaders, who conscientiously and patiently plan and carry out the necessary steps in training, supervision, continuing education, and general administration that keep Stephen Ministry flourishing in our community. Thank you for our Stephen Ministers, who faithfully meet with their care receivers, extending the care of Christ to those who need it most, and who participate in the supervision and continuing education sessions. Thank you also for the support of our pastor, and staff, and all those who do so much to keep Stephen Ministry growing in our congregation. Thank you for the enthusiasm and the sensitivity that everyone involved in this caring ministry brings to this task. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

#### \* THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

#### GREETING AND BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

*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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our

Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*All*            **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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Celebrant*    Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
*People*        **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified † by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*All God's people are welcome to receive the Holy Sacrament, including children. Please notify an usher if you have difficulty coming to the altar rail and the Sacrament will be brought to you.*

**\* POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
*People* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\* THE BLESSING**

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

**\* THE DISMISSAL**

*Leader* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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**The flowers on the altar are given by**

Irving and Linda Walls  
in memory of Christopher Walls

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**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** If the weather is severe or there is ice/snow on the ground, please use caution while walking through the church grounds and entrances. The grounds are uneven and will increase your risk of slipping/falling. Also, while there will always be clergy present for services, we ask that you please use your discretion when driving to/attending church. Please note: if the Cape Henlopen School District is closed due to snow/ice, the Church Office will be closed.

**Youth Group Meeting** (TODAY at Noon). This is the only meeting before our retreat. Following the short meeting, we will do a fun shopping project at a local grocery store. Please let us know that we can count on you attending!!! If Sundays at noon does not work for your child, please let us know when they are available so that we can ensure that we have a group to meet.

## CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 11

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 9:30 a.m. Godly Play  
 10 a.m. Coffee and Conversation  
 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 10:30 a.m. LIGHT Service  
 11 a.m. Confirmation/Inquirer's Class  
 Noon Youth Group

Monday, February 12

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 7 p.m. A further Journey Men's Class

Shrove Tuesday, February 13

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 10 a.m. Bible Study  
 3 p.m. Green Team  
 5 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
 7:30 p.m. Chapel Dedication Service

Ash Wednesday, February 14

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 10 a.m. Liturgy of Ashes at Cadbury  
 Noon Liturgy of Ashes in Church with Eucharist  
 1:30 p.m. Centering Prayer  
 7:30 p.m. Liturgy of Ashes in Church with Choral Eucharist

Thursday, February 15

Newsletter Deadline  
 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist @ Cadbury  
 1 p.m. EfM  
 5:30 p.m. Lenten Series  
 7 p.m. Adult Choir

Friday, February 16

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Saturday, February 17

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, February 18

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 9:30 a.m. Godly Play  
 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 10 a.m. Coffee and Conversation  
 10:30 a.m. LIGHT Holy Eucharist  
 11 a.m. Inquirer's Class  
 4 p.m. St. Peter's Readers

**Prayer List:** Jill Stevens, Mary Beth Crafts, Dorothy Crowley, Dot Sophos, Gabriel Loeser, Tim Dunham, Eleanor Huber, Packard, Jo Miller-Marcin, Jason Somerset, Bill Peterson, Jim Isaminger, Greg Martin, Stephen Leaders, Ministers and Care Receivers, Gibson Alula McDade, Janina, Eileen, Sean, Lois, Fred, Andy, Zach, Mary Beth, Ellen, Bob, Sharon Walsh, Kerri Layton, Perren, baby Evelyn, Paulette Evans, Pamela Martin, Mary Helms, Mike Clemmer, Harry Schoen, Barbara Black, Janet, Phil Kless, Mel Craig, Susan Robinson, Patrick Cooney, Cindy King, Betty Hill, Alan Steele, Maureen, Annmarie, all affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, Ginnie Holthaus, Rose Wall, Stephen, Chris Lewis, Aber twins, Father Norm, James Collins, Meg, Fay Ried, Harry and Lynn Tenney, Patty Bennett, Ralph Peters, Marci Engel, Barbara Orton, David Boyce, Bob Gable, Paul Sauter, Lois McClintock, Ippolito family, Mary, Maggie Kilroy, George Gibson, Arden Macphee, Sharon Melson, Ted Spencer, Jack Colombo, Cindy Llewellyn, Irvy Walls, Steve Elkins, Murray Archibald, Karen Bernstein. **Deaths:** Shawn Pearce

**Lectionary Readings** for The First Sunday in Lent, Sunday, February 18

Psalm 25:1-9; 2 Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper:** Join us for our Annual Shrove Tuesday Supper on Tuesday, February 13 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Supper includes pancakes, sausage, scrapple and drinks. Free-will offering will be accepted and proceeds will benefit the Youth of the parish. Help is needed to cook, serve and clean-up. Please contact Lorri if you are able to help.

**Absalom Jones Celebration:** Join us on Tuesday, February 13 at 7 p.m. for the naming of the Chapel and blessing of the Altar and Icon for the Sacristy/Chapel. The Rt. Rev. Kevin Brown will be joining us.

**Ash Wednesday Services:**

10 a.m. Liturgy of Ashes at Cadbury

Noon Liturgy of Ashes in the Church with Eucharist

7:30 p.m. Liturgy of Ashes in the Church with Choral Eucharist

**10 a.m. Coffee Hours hosts needed** for the following Sundays: February and 25th, and March 4th, 11th 18th, and 25th. If you are interested in signing-up, please contact Trish Baines at 302-644-2356 or [miketrishbaines@gmail.com](mailto:miketrishbaines@gmail.com)

What is **Kairos "Outside"?** It is a ministry supporting women with loved ones who are or have been imprisoned. Your help is needed to make this ministry a success—and there are so many ways, big or small, to make a difference! Be a part of Delaware's first Kairos Outside Weekend! [It is similar to an Emmaus or Cursillo Weekend.] Contact Mary or Alec Thomson for more information: M/302-396-7469, A/302-396-7617. [www.kairosprisonministry.org](http://www.kairosprisonministry.org)

**Godly Play Storytellers and Greeters Needed:** We are in need of volunteers to fill in some gaps in our schedule. Do you like children? Can you spare an hour on a Sunday morning (9:30 - 10:30)? Please contact Lorri to see how you can get involved.

**Nursery Caregiver:** We are still in search of a Nursery Caregiver for Sundays (9:30 to 11 a.m.). Competitive salary. Heaven benefits! Candidate will need to take Safe Church training and a background investigation will be completed. If you know of someone who would be interested, please contact Lorri in the office.

**Ely Cathedral Fundraising:** During the month of February (through Feb. 25 only), raffle tickets will be sold for \$10 each for a 20" x 30" print called Sea Glass that was donated by well-known photographer Kevin Fleming. That print may be seen and tickets may be purchased at all coffee hours in February. Tickets may also be purchased at the parish office during regular hours. The winner will be drawn on February 25 at the 10:00 coffee hour and need not be present to win. A maximum of 200 tickets will be sold.

## Dine at Michy's in support of St. Peter's Choral Residency at Ely Cathedral

*Where:* **Michy's Relaxed Dining**, 19287 Miller Rd. #2, Rehoboth Beach

(Weiss/Concord Pet shopping center, just off Southbound Route 1)

*When:* Tuesday, February 20, 2018 4:00–9:00 p.m.

*How:* Reservations strongly encouraged, call 302-227-0999

Michy's has kindly offered to donate 10% of the cost of each meal by persons presenting this coupon the evening of February 20. Bring this coupon with you, fill in the spaces below, and give to your waiter after your meal.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Cost of Meal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you, Michy's!

**Lenten Series:** Our Lenten Series begins on Thursday, February 15 at 5:30 p.m. with a soup and salad dinner. Following at 6 p.m. each week will be a featured speaker and topic. Join us for as many as you wish. No commitment or pre-registration. All are welcome. Please sign-up if you are willing to provide a soup, salad or dessert, please sign up at coffee hour Sunday, February 11. The series will conclude on March 22. Sign- up sheets for these evenings will be at the Will also be available the evenings of the events.

February 15	Genesis 4:1-16	Am I my Brother's keeper with The Rev. Jeffrey Ross
February 22	Micah 6:6-8	Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God with The Rev. Ray Michener
March 1	Matthew 5:1-20	The Beatitudes with The Rev. Marianne Babnis
March 8	Luke 10:25-37	The greatest commandments and the Good Samaritan with Canon Mark Harris
March 15	Acts 6:1-7	The election of Stephen as a deacon to serve with The Rev. Larry Hofer
March 22	Matthew 25:31-46	The parable of the sheep and the goats with The Rev. Carlyle Gill



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