

SAINT PETER'S CHURCH

In thanksgiving for the life of
James Edward Colberg, MD (August 23, 1933-September 11, 2024)
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Welcome to St. Peter's Church

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Celebration of Life + Eucharist

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Cello Prelude
Organ Prelude

Suite for Cello
Organ Prelude: *Andante*, Op.122, No. 7

Johann Sebastian Bach
Louis J.A. Lefébure-Wély
(1817-1870)

The people stand.

Processional Hymn 390

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Lobe den Herren



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion; O my soul, praise him for he is thy
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de - fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with



1 health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y, or - gan and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
2 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
3 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
4 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Opening Anthem

Celebrant:

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant:

The Lord be with you.

People:

And also with you.

Celebrant:

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother, James. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Lector:

Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s people.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

The people recite the psalm in unison.

- 1 **O God, you have been our refuge ***
from one generation to another.
- 2 **Before the mountains were brought forth,**
*or the land and the earth were born, **
from age to age you are God.
- 3 **You turn us back to the dust and say, ***
“Go back, O child of earth.”
- 4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like**
*yesterday when it is past **
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 **You sweep us away like a dream; ***
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 **In the morning it is green and flourishes; ***
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 13 **Return, O God; how long will you tarry? ***
Be gracious to your servants.
- 14 **Satisfy us by your loving-kindness**
*in the morning; **
so shall we rejoice and be glad
all the days of our life.
- 15 **Make us glad**
*by the measure of the days that you afflicted us **
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 **Show your servants your works ***
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 **May the graciousness of our God be upon us; ***
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that, if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be further clothed with our heavenly dwelling, for surely when we have been clothed in its we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan under our burden because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. The one who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a down payment. So we are always confident, even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to him.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary

Largo from Xerxes

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

The Gospel:

John 6:37-40

The people stand. The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away, for I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.”

After the Gospel, the Priest says: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

The Reverend Dr. Joseph G. Schaller

The Apostle's Creed

The people stand and say together:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

After each petition, the people respond with:

*People: **Hear us, Lord.***

The Celebrant concludes with:

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother James, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

Words of Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Voluntary

Meditation on *Rockingham*

arr. C.A. Johnson Jr.

Eucharistic Prayer B

Book of Common Prayer

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.***

Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

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:

Celebrant and People:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues:

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and 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 Peter and 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: **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,
forever and ever. Amen**

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.
Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith,
you are welcome at this, Christ's Table.

This is the Lord's supper: God's feast for all of God's people. There is always an abundance here and there is a place for you. You are invited and encouraged to feast at God's table.

There is gluten free bread available. You can request this from the clergy when receiving.

*To receive the wine, you may drink from the cup while the chalice bearer holds it for you. **Please do not intinct (dip) the bread into the cup of wine.** If you prefer to not drink from the common cup, receiving bread only is still full participation in the sacrament of Holy Eucharist.*

If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the bread or wine, you are welcome; come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the people stand and the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

***Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love
you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ,
and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.***

***Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction,
and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death,
neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

The Commendation

Celebrant:

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant James. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. ***Amen.***

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

As the hymn is sung, the people process to the church yard behind the clergy and family for the interment of ashes.

Recessional Hymn 680

“O God Our Help in Ages Past”

St. Anne



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;
6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.
6 be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

The Committal

Celebrant:

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me. He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother James, and we commit his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **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,
forever and ever. Amen**

Celebrant: Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;

People: **And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

Celebrant: May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People: **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Response: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

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at Positano Coast, 212 Walnut Street.*

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Organist:	Charles Johnson
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Vergers:	Joe Fanelli
Lectors:	Ted Colberg, Lauren Colberg
Preacher:	The Reverend Dr. Joseph G. Schaller
Intercessor:	Martha Penberthy
Celebrant:	The Rev. Sarah Hedgis-Kligerman
Acolyte:	Kat Voit
Chalice Bearer:	Jill Minick

*For those who want to remain masked and surrounded by those who are masked,
there is a mask-required seating area in the church's south side balcony. Please ask an usher if you'd like assistance.*

Go in peace, and return often to worship with us.

Sunday:

9 am – Children's service with songs, stories and activities

9 am – Contemplative, spoken worship service

11 am – Worship service with music, Holy Eucharist, and sermon

Tuesday:

12 nn – Spoken worship service with Holy Eucharist

THE LAYOUT OF ST. PETER'S

The unusual layout of the church reflects the emphasis on Bible-reading and preaching in 1761, during the Great Awakening evangelical movement. Putting the reading desk and pulpit at the west end gave them greater prominence than the altar opposite, since the communion service was held only occasionally. The resulting need to face in both directions during services meant that the original box pews, designed for warmth, had to be retained after the invention of central heating.

For more information on the long history of the church, pick up one of the brochures at the west end or inquire about purchasing a copy of *St. Peter's Church: Faith in Action for 250 Years*, published in 2011.

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