



SAINT PETER'S CHURCH

Leading in partnering to shape life in the city

Do you seek community and purpose in New York City?

Saint Peter's is an evangelical catholic communion of diverse people and communities publicly seeking God's nourishment and creatively shaping life in the city.

Our life together reflects and respects the diversity of our members. Reconciling in Christ, we are drawn together and support and challenge one another to seek ways to live out the faith in our daily lives and offer our God-given gifts in the service of others.

Through ongoing conversation with God, one another, and a variety of partners in the business, arts, and religious communities, we seek to creatively shape life in the city even as our lives are being shaped by the Good News of Jesus Christ risen among us.

For you, in sharing your needs and gifts, Saint Peter's may be a community of extraordinary renewal and fellowship.

We invite you to participate fully in the spiritual life of this community, to deepen our understanding of God's Word, and to proclaim with us the Good News to others.

Join the conversation . . . speak with one of our pastors.

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LITURGY AT SAINT PETER'S

MASS FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

JANUARY 24, 2013

HYMN

Hymn 843, Praise the One who breaks the darkness

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **and also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY*

Let us pray. Mother God, in Trinity with Son and Spirit you offer us a unique pattern of interdependence, loving relationships and solidarity. Unite us to live our lives in this way. Teach us to share the hope that we find in people who struggle for life all over the world. May their endurance inspire us to overcome our own divisions, to live in holy accord with one another, and to walk together in solidarity, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

READING

Galatians 3: 26 – 28

PSALM

Psalm 86: 11 – 16 *responsively*

HOLY GOSPEL

Saint Luke 24: 13 – 25

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn 651, Oh, praise the gracious power

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*

Walking in conversation, let us recognize all efforts of the ecumenical movement towards the realization of the unity willed by Christ for the Church.

Send your Spirit to strengthen our resolve and deepen our conversations to realize Jesus' prayer in us.

Walking with the broken body of Christ, we are painfully aware that we are still unable to join in the breaking of bread together. Hasten the day when we can realize the fullness of fellowship at the Lord's table. **Inflame in our hearts the desire to overcome all that divides us so that we can see one Christ in our brokenness.**

Walking towards freedom, let us remember along with Dalit communities other people facing similar kinds of discriminations. May the unity of the Church be a sign of hope in situations of injustice. **Strengthen our churches' commitment to create spaces in our society and communities, to enable them to live in dignity and freedom. Allow us to be transformed by their gifts and presence.**

Walking beyond barriers, let us build communities of unity and equality. **Grant us courage so that we can overcome cultures and structures that hinder us from recognizing the presence of God in each other.**

Walking in solidarity with women and other victims of discrimination and injustice, let us be shaken out of our apathy. **Encircle us with your love, as we affirm the image of God in each person we encounter. Enable us to do justice by breaking through social structures of inequality.**

Walking in celebration, we come to see that the unity we share within our communities is a profound witness to the gospel of faith and hope. As we celebrate that unity, let us also rejoice in our rich diversities that reflect the life of the Trinity. **May we celebrate the wonderful diversity in human life, born from the struggles for dignity and survival amid oppression, and see in it a sign of your abiding faithfulness to your people.**

In Christ's name we raise all these prayers, O God. **Amen.**

GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of all creation, **all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that in unity with churches around the world, we might be for your world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . join their unending hymn: **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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

OUR FATHER

AT THE DISTRIBUTION

All come forward to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

BLESSING*

Be present to us, Triune God who nurtures us, to remind us of the purpose you have for each one of us and our church.
Amen.

Walk before us, Triune God who strengthens us, and lead us on the path to unity.
Amen.

Call us into abundant life, Triune God who sustains us, as we stand together and call upon God.
Amen.

DISMISSAL*

Go out into the world to heal and to be healed.
Thanks be to God.

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