

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 22, 2012 - Year B

Entrance Hymn	<i>“Give praise and glory unto God”</i>	Hymnal 375
Opening Sentences of Scripture		BCP 78
Preface		
<i>Officiant and People together, all kneeling</i>		
Confession of Sin		BCP 79
<i>A deacon or lay person using the preceding form remains kneeling</i>		
Absolution		BCP 80
<i>All stand</i>		
Invitatory		BCP 80

Gloria Patri		BCP 80
Antiphon		BCP 81
Jubilate		BCP 82
Psalm 62:6-14	Nonne Deo?	BCP 669

- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.**
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.**
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.**
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.**
- [10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.**
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.**
- 12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.]**
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.**
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.**

The People sit

Hebrew Scriptures

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Reader: *The Word of the Lord*

People: *Thanks be to God*

The People stand
A Song of Penitence

BCP 90

The People sit

New Covenant Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader: *The Word of the Lord*

People: *Thanks be to God*

The People stand
The Song of Zechariah

(8:00 a.m.)

BCP 92

OR

Gradual Hymn *"They cast their nets in Galilee"* (stanzas 1-2)

Hymnal 661

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

The People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea-- for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

Gradual Hymn "*They cast their nets in Galilee*" (stanzas 3-4)

Hymnal 661

The People sit

Homily

Martha Shippy

The People stand

Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

The People stand or kneel

Prayers

BCP 97

Sentences

BCP 97

Suffrage

BCP 97 – 98

Collect for the Day

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Other Collects BCP 98 - 100

Prayers of the People (8:00 a.m.) BCP 328

Prayers of the People (10:00 a.m.) Form VI BCP 392

The People stand
The Peace

Holy Communion

Anthem *“Two Fishermen”* Suzanne Toolan

Doxology *“Praise to God”* (stanza 3) Hymnal 380

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer - Rite II - Prayer A BCP 369

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) Hymnal S-124

Fraction Anthem Hymnal S-154

HOLY EUCHARIST is the best way we know to give thanks and to get strength. All baptized Christians of any denomination are encouraged to come to the altar rail to receive the blessed wine and bread. If you have not yet been baptized, please come to the altar rail with arms crossed to receive the blessing of the Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Liturgical Assistants schedule is posted on the web page www.stpetersashtabula.org beneath "Worship Bulletins".

Job Opening

Site Director, Beatitude House, Ashtabula

Beatitude House is announcing a job opening for a Site Director for a 10 unit transitional housing program.

The Site Director is responsible for the day-to-day operations, supervision and implementation of programming including grant management and record keeping.

Requirements: Masters degree in social work or related field, five years experience in administration.

Send cover letter, resume and 3 references to info@beatitudehouse.com or to Beatitude House, 238 Tod Lane Youngstown, OH 44504.

January's loose offering will be given to Share-A-Home to help defray utility bills.

Prayer Group is held between 8am and 10am services on Sundays at 9:15am, in the Library. Everyone welcome! Fr. David has asked that we pray for all who falter, and for our church and for special needs in church every Sunday.

Many thanks to Gina Withrow, Judy Stanisa and Sharon Kozak for being coffee hour coordinators.

January 23 rd	3:00pm	Sewing
	6:15pm	Bible Study-Guild Room
January 24 th	2-4pm	Yarning
January 26 th	6:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
January 28 th	1:30pm	CPR Class (\$10.00 each)
January 29 th	11:30pm	Annual Meeting in Parish Hall with light lunch
January 30 th	3:00pm	Sewing
	6:15pm	Bible Study
January 31	2-4	Yarning
February 6-12 th		<i>Tell A Friend Week</i>

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Elinor Herzog	16	David & Gayle Erickson	27
Connie Dixon	25	Pat Hazeltine.....	29
Jeff Mooney	25	Damon Butler	30
		Benjamin Cobb.....	31

To borrow a poker phrase, some people seem to hold all the cards. They are dealt a winning hand while the rest of us do the best with what few resources we may have. And with a “winner takes all” frame of mind, many of these high-profile, prosperous people manipulate and maneuver their wealth and power to pursue their own interests and advance their own cause. We all know the type. In the story of Ruth, Boaz holds all the cards. He enters the scene as a man of great wealth and power. There are several aspects of his life that set him apart from the typical guy who holds all the cards.

Boaz willingly aligns his resources with God’s heart for the poor and needy. God outlined in Levitical law that those who didn’t have the resources to survive could be “gleaners”—gathering grain that intentionally was left at the edge of the fields during harvest time. Boaz lived in a time when everyone did what was right in their own eyes. After a devastating famine, he could easily have ignored God’s heart for the poor in order to secure an abundant harvest for himself. But unlike other wealthy landowners, he still welcomed gleaners in his field. It was a tangible display of God’s love for the needy.

God also provided ways in which foreigners could be welcomed in Israel. Again, Boaz aligned himself with God’s heart—even for a Moabite from enemy territory. He could have cast Ruth aside when he learned she was not a Jew. Instead, he opened his heart to her. Sometimes we don’t want other “kinds” of people to move into our neighborhood, but God is actually delighted when they do. It’s an opportunity for us to do what Boaz did—open our hearts to “different” people who could use a tangible expression of God’s love and grace in their lives.

Not only did Boaz use his wealth for the benefit of those in need and welcome a foreigner to his field, he also desired to see God’s blessing poured out on her ([Ruth 2:12](#)) and then proceeded to be the instrument of God’s blessing in her life ([Ruth 2:14](#)). He became the answer to her prayers. Boaz was also abundantly generous in his care for Ruth. Once again he put his treasures where God’s heart is. It is the character of God to be a generous God “able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think” ([Eph. 3:20](#)).

So when was the last time you planned to cooperate with God and be the answer to someone’s prayers? You may think, *Easy for Boaz—he had all the cards!* But we all have some cards. Whether big or small, there’s always something we can do to bring the heart of God to a needy life that crosses our path. Besides, *God* is the One who really holds all the cards. He shares His resources with us not for us to consume them all ourselves, but to share them for His glory and the good of others. So life is not about holding all the cards. From God’s point of view, it’s what you do with your cards. Use them as God would to bless others who cross your path.

- Take some time to read the story of Ruth and try to put yourself in Boaz’s shoes. Is there a “Ruth” in your world right now? If so, what “cards” are you holding that can be used to help?
- Examine your attitude toward the poor and the needy. Does it reflect God’s heart? How about your attitude toward foreigners? (*Taken from “Strength for the Journey”*)

PRAYER FOR THE RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT

O GOD, YOU PREPARED YOUR DISCIPLES FOR THE COMING OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE TEACHING OF YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST: MAKE THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF YOUR SERVANTS READY TO RECEIVE THE BLESSING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THAT WE MAY BE FILLED WITH THE STRENGTH OF HIS PRESENCE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. *Amen*