

**Morning Prayer: Rite Two**  
**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**  
**The Feast of the Confession**  
**of Saint Peter the Apostle      January 18**

Officiants: Chris Baron and Amy Hunter

*Officiant 1* Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.  
*Psalm 19:14*

*Officiant 2* We give thanks to the Father, who has made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.  
*Colossians 1:12*

**Confession of Sin**

*Officiant 1* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence*

*Officiant 1* Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Officiant 2* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant 1* Lord, open our lips.  
*Officiant 2* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
*Officiant 1* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
*Officiant 2* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*Officiant 1* The Lord is glorious in his saints:  
*Officiant 2* Come let us adore him.

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7 Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

Come let us sing to the Lord; \*  
**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**  
For the Lord is a great God, \*  
**and a great King above all gods.**  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
**and the heights of the hills are his also.**  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
**and his hands have molded the dry land.**  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.\*  
**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

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**Psalm 23** *King James Version* Said responsively

The LORD is my shepherd; \*

**I shall not want.**

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; \*

**he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

He restoreth my soul; \*

**he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness**

**for his Name's sake.**

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; \*

**for thou art with me;**

**thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

Thou preparest a table before me

in the presence of mine enemies; \*

**thou anointest my head with oil;**

**my cup runneth over.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life, \*

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.**

**Amen..**

**The Lessons**

*Officiant 1* **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*Acts 4: 8-13*

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus.

*Officiant 1* The Word of the Lord

*Officiant 2* Thanks be to God



## The Prayers

*Officiant 2* The Lord be with you.

*Officiant 1* And also with you.

*Officiant 2* Let us pray.

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.

## Suffrages (from A New Zealand Prayer Book)

V. Make your ways known upon earth, O God,  
R. **your saving power among all peoples.**  
V. Renew your Church in holiness,  
R. **and help us to serve you with joy.**  
V. Guide the leaders of this and every nation,  
R. **that justice may prevail throughout the world.**  
V. Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,  
R. **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Make us instruments of your peace,  
R. **and let your glory be over all the earth.**

*Officiant 1* Almighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.  
*The Collect of the Day*

*Officiant 2* God of grace, your Church is built on Peter's faith; grant that we, like him, forgiven and restored, may overcome our weakness and serve you without wavering, now and for ever. Amen.  
*The Collect of the Day, A New Zealand Prayer Book*

*Officiant 1* Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
*A Collect for Grace*

*Officiant 2* Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.  
*Prayer for Mission*

## The Peace and Greetings

*Officiant 2* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Officiant 1* **And also with you**

The worshippers exchange the Peace and greet one another.

*One of the Officiants prays Thanksgivings and Intercessions shared in Chat.*

## Closing Prayers

*Officiant 2* Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

*The General Thanksgiving*

*Officiant 1* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time  
with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and  
you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two  
or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst  
of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be  
best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and  
in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

*Officiant 1* Let us bless the Lord.

*Officiant 2* Thanks be to God.

*Officiant 1* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of  
God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all  
evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*