



**The Third Sunday in Lent**  
Sunday, March 3, 2024 • 8:00 AM Rite I

## St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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## St. Michael's Welcomes You!

Whether you are visiting with us for the first time today or if St. Michael's is your home, we welcome you and are glad you are joining us for worship. Wherever you might be in your spiritual journey, we invite you to continue to explore a deeper relationship with God and a stronger spiritual life.

### Saturday Worship

5:00 p.m. **Saturday Evening Holy Eucharist Spoken Service** (Small Chapel)

### Sunday Worship and Education Schedule

8:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
9:00 a.m. **St. Michael's Jr. (LiFT)** | Sturtz House (*summer hours vary*)  
10:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
10:00 a.m. **Sunday School** | Visit [stmichaelsbarrington.org](http://stmichaelsbarrington.org)  
6:30 p.m. **St. Michael's Sr. High (LiFT)** | Sturtz House (*as scheduled*)

### Things to Remember

- When it is time for Holy Communion, walk up to the altar and stand or kneel at the altar rail.
- A digital version of this bulletin is available by visiting our website at [www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/blog](http://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org/blog).

We also live-stream all services to Facebook and the parish website. This provides a way for everyone to worship with us, even if they are not comfortable returning in person. If you come up for communion, you will likely be seen in our online video by those worshipping at home.

Please visit our website at [www.stmichaelsbarrington.org](http://www.stmichaelsbarrington.org) for more information and announcements.

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## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### The Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 3, 2024 | 8:00 AM | Rite I

#### PRELUDE | Organist selection

*A bell will sound three times, inviting the congregation to stand.*

#### A Penitential Order

*Process in Silence.*

**OPENING HYMN** | Hymn 152 Kind Maker of the world, O hear, *A la venue de Noël*

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION | BCP 319

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People:* **His mercy endureth for ever.**

*The Celebrant says:*

Here what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

#### THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION | BCP 320

*The Deacon or Celebrant:*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Said in unison.*

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

*The Celebrant Continues:*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

#### TRISAGION

*Repeat three times:*

*Celebrant:* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

*People:* **Have mercy upon us.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE FIRST READING | Exodus 20:1-17

*Please be seated.*

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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



## PSALM 19| *Caeli enarrant*

*Read in unison.*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends?  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

## THE SECOND READING | 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE GOSPEL | John 2:13-22

*Please stand as able.*

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People:* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.world.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON | The Rev. Jesse Perkins

**THE NICENE CREED | BCP 326**

*Please stand. Said in unison.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

# Prayers of the People

## Form 1

*Intercessor:*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls. Let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.*** -

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Paula, our Bishop; Joseph, Archbishop of the Upper Nile Province, and Simon, Bishop of the Diocese of Renk, South Sudan; for Jesse, Jim, Betsy, Ralph, Tim, and Judy, our clergy; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For our President, Joe, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For reasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who travel on land, on water, in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries: John Davis and Sharon and Richard Curran, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who have requested our prayers: Jackie, Kristin, Lynda, Emma Rose, the Kean family, Zach and Jenny, Karen, Spencer, Meg and Charlie, Sarah and Evelyn, Amy and Matthew, Jeff, Richard, Nancy, Christine, Jeff, Sharon, Andy, Marilyn and Pat, Caden, Sadie, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Ruth, Brian, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy.

Are there others? [PAUSE].



For all whom we remember today, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially, Sophia Stewart, Penelope Stewart, Sarah Logan, Henry Greene, David Bailey, Harry Strouse, Joseph Beuttas, and Jerry Camper, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of St. Michael and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **THE PEACE**

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

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*All may greet one another with the Peace of Christ..*

## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please be seated.*

## The Holy Communion

### THE OFFERTORY

*Thank you for your gifts in support of the church's mission and ministries. The offering plates are in the rear at both doors or offerings may be made online at [stmichaelsbarrington.org](http://stmichaelsbarrington.org).*

### MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY | Hymn 431 The stars declare his glory, *Aldine*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Prayer II | BCP 340

*Please stand as able*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People:* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People:*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant:* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption.

He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you,

and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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

*Celebrant and People:*

**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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM | BCP 337

*Celebrant:* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People:* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant:* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People:* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant:* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People:* **Grant us thy peace.**

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS | BCP 337

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome to come forward to the altar rail for Communion or a Blessing.*

*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.

*Please come forward to receive Communion, receiving the Bread while standing or kneeling at the altar rail. While receiving both the Bread and the Wine is tradition, receiving the Bread alone constitutes full participation in this Holy Communion.*

*To also receive the Wine, you may remain at the altar rail to drink from the chalice; please do not dip or intinct the Bread into the Wine. If you prefer, you may instead go to the Wine station to receive in an individual, compostable cup.*

*If you would like a blessing instead, cross your arms and the priest will bless you. If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability [or pandemic], is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth. (BCP 457)*

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION | Hymn 315 Thou who at thy first Eucharist didst pray, *Song 1*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Kneel or stand.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Said by the Celebrant & People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen**

## THE BLESSING

Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel and the Celebrant says the following prayer:*

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand as able.*

**CLOSING HYMN** WLP 753 When from bondage we are summoned, *Grid* (Green Hymnal)

*Process in silence.*

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon:* Let us Bless the Lord.

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

**POSTLUDE** | Organist

**What's in the Sword this week**



**CALENDAR AND EVENTS**

- **February 21-March 20** | Stations of the Cross, weekly on Wednesday at 6pm
- **February 25** | Bread baking 11:15am
- **March 10** | Choral Evensong, 5pm
- **March 24** | Palm Sunday, 8am and 10am
- **March 28** | Maundy Thursday, 6:30pm
- **March 29** | Good Friday Service, 12pm
- **March 29** | Good Friday Evening Service, we will be joining the Salem United Methodist Church in Barrington at 7pm.
- **March 30** | Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday Evening, 8pm
- **March 31** | Easter Sunday Services, 9am and 11am
- **March 31** | Easter Egg Hunt following the 11am service.

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

- **Sundays 10:00am** | In Person Sunday School
- **Sundays 9:10am** | Lent Adult Study with Deacon Tim in the Conference Room
- **Sundays 11:30am** | Lent Adult Forum with The Rev. Ralph Osborne in the Library
- **Tuesdays 9:30am – 11:00am** | Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study
- **Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm** | Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study via Zoom
- **Fridays at 6:00 AM** | Men's Fellowship meets in the Community Room

**MONTHLY EVENTS**

- **Last Tuesday of Every Month** | Prayer Shawl meets in the Library at 6pm
- **Third Wednesday of Every Month** | Book Club meets in the Library at 7pm

**Those for whom prayers have been requested:**

Jackie, Kristin, Lynda, Emma Rose, the Kean family, Zach and Jenny, Karen, Spencer, Meg and Charlie, Sarah and Evelyn, Nancy, Jeff, Richard, Amy and Matthew, Christine, Jeff, Sharon, Andy, Marilyn and Pat, Caden, Sadie, Dave, Phyllis, Cameron, Maribeth, Ruth, Brian, Barb and Steve, Patty, and Amy.

<b>Birthdays</b>		<b>Anniversaries</b>		<b>Remembrances</b>	
3/8	John Davis	3/3	Sharon and Richard Curran	3/6	Joseph Beuttas
				3/6	Sarah Logan
				3/6	Henry Greene
				3/6	David Bailey
				3/6	Harry Strouse
				3/7	Jerry Camper
					Penelope Stewart
					Sophia Stewart

**AT TODAY'S WORSHIP**

*Preaching and Presiding:* The Rev. Jesse Perkins

*Deacon:* The Rev. Tim Murray

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

## Wandering Heart: "Praise the mount"



### Who Do You Say That I Am?

by Lauren Wright Pittman

Inspired by Matthew 16:13-20

*Digital painting*

I don't know if this was a moment of clarity for Peter, if he was regurgitating the answer he thought Jesus wanted to hear, or if he was trying to convince himself that dropping everything and following this man was worth it, but I imagine this was a breakthrough for Peter.

I wanted to capture this as a moment of seeing and being seen. Jesus sees him as more than Simon, a fisherman and son of Jonah, and renames him Peter, the blessed foundation through which his ministry would take root and continue to grow. Jesus sees Peter through the eyes of God.

Peter sees Jesus as more than a teacher and companion. He sees through the veil of confusion concerning Jesus' identity. He doesn't see him as the reincarnation of a former prophet, or another contemporary baptizer pointing the way. He names Jesus as the "anointed one," the one his people have so desperately longed for. Peter proclaims Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God.

In this image, I wanted to create a kaleidoscope of perception, imaging the ways Jesus is perceived in the context of this passage, like light broken down into a myriad of shapes and colors. In the gold rays of light Jesus' form is obscured by the metallic shine of God's glory. In the gray and earth-tone rays he is seen in monochrome. Each of the earth-tone rays holds a pattern on Jesus' clothing which represents a misunderstanding of who Jesus is. Starting on the left, honey, locusts, and baptismal waters misidentify him as John the Baptist. Within the next ray to the right, ravens, an empty chair, rain, and fires from the heavens misidentify him as Elijah. On the right, scales of justice and plants being uprooted and planted misidentify him as Jeremiah.

Through the middle of the image, there is a ray of light where the image comes into full color that holds this moment of clarity where Jesus and Peter truly see one another. In this ray, Peter's clothing holds symbols of his new identity: a rock upon which the church will be built and keys to the kingdom. Jesus' clothing holds imagery—an oil jar and the light of the sun—representing the way Peter sees him as the Messiah and Son of the living God.

—Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman