ST. PETER'S
MOUNTAIN LAKES



The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026
10:15am

Welcome to St. Peter's

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Ministers of the Service

	Today's Servers
Presider:	The Reverend Michael Muller
Preacher:	Peeka Trenkle
Deacon:	The Reverend Nancy Hansen
Verger:	Tim O'Donnell
Organist/Music Director:	Sal Lagattuta
Crucifer:	Thomas Corbo
Torch Bearers:	Gabrielle Roth & Owen Roth
Ushers:	Helen Pulitano & Kathy Mack
Lay Readers:	Brendan Roth & Michelle Adan
Eucharistic Minister:	Stuart Parker
Camera Operator:	Anthony Floreno
Altar Guild:	Mitchell Team: Wendy Michell, Alyson Pearl, Susan Marshall, Elaine Pantaleo, Anna Floreno, Joyce Emery, Carolyn Sammarro, Diana Gutierrez, Joelle Gutierez
Coffee Hour Host:	Cindy & Steve Shaw
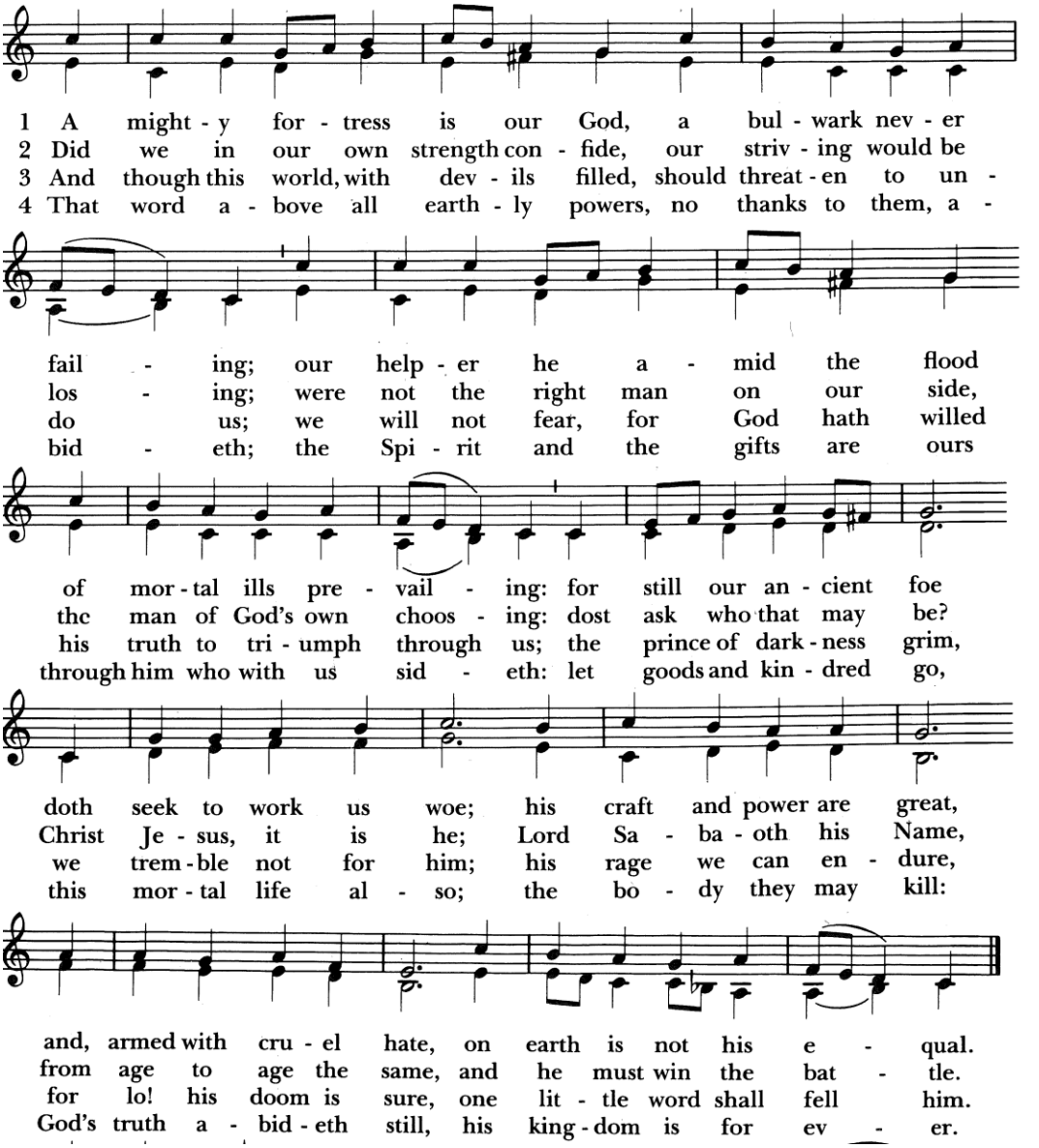
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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude: "When In Our Music God Is Glorified" ~ A.L. Page

(Please stand)

Processional Hymn: #688 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
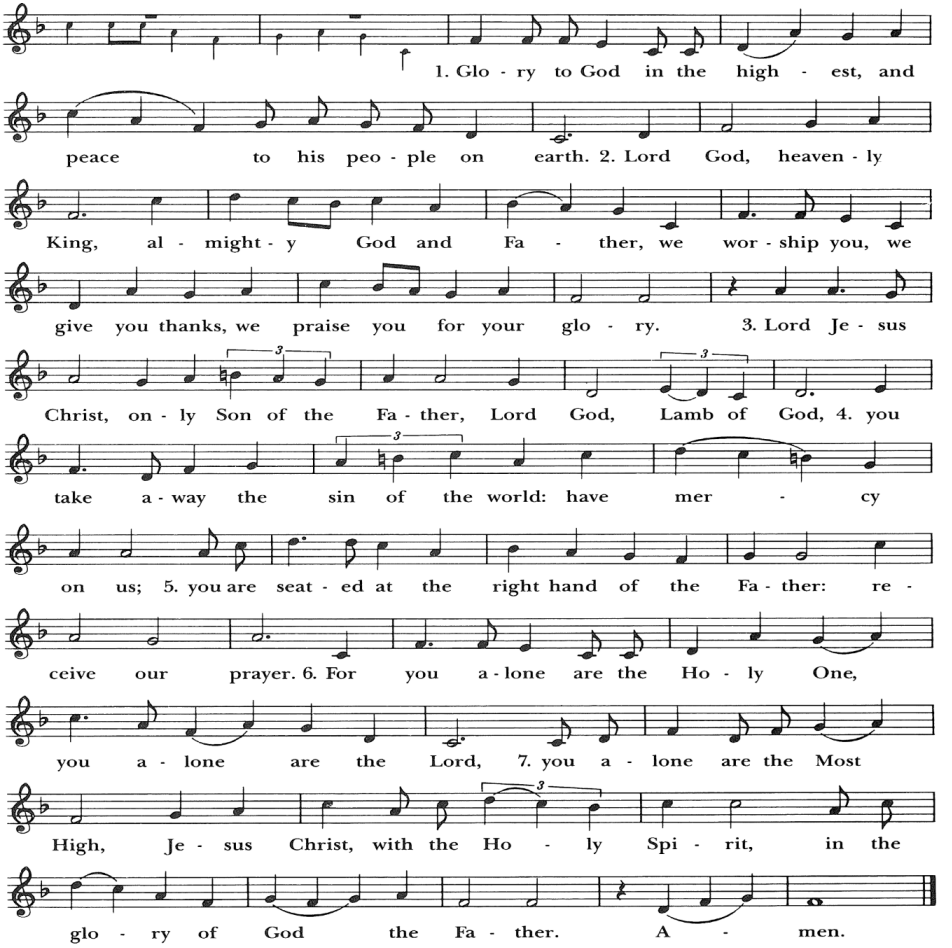


Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis Hymnal S 280



The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Presider: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: **Zephaniah 1:7,12-18**

A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-12

1 Lord, 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.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

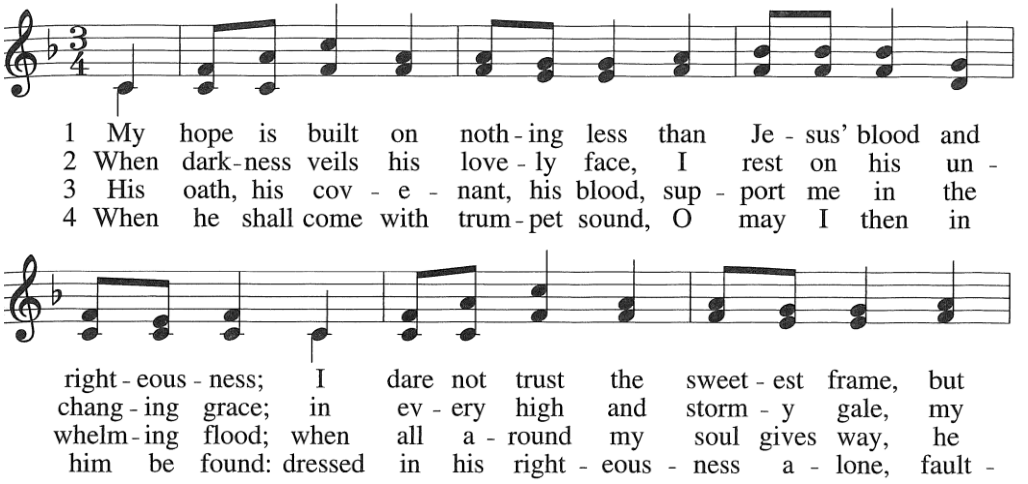
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

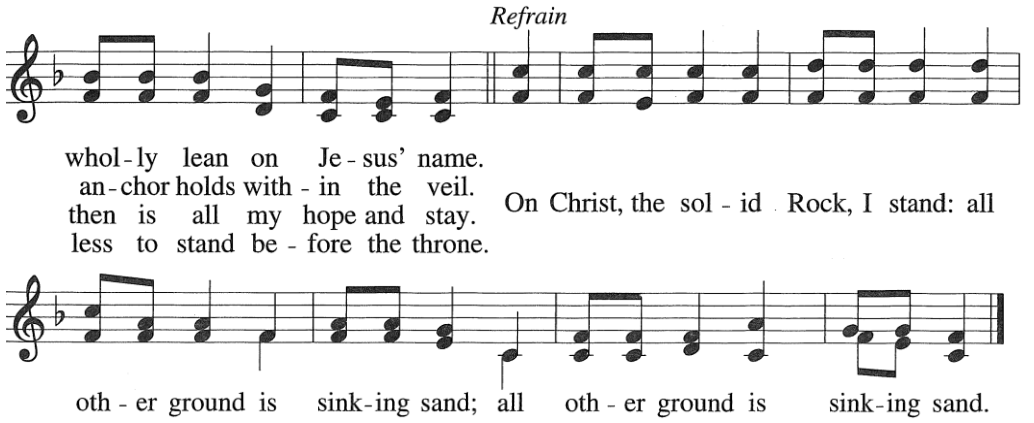
A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: #405 W&R "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"





Gospel Announcement

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People: **"Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord. **"Praise to you, Lord Christ"**

HOMILY Peeka Trenkle

The Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer page 358

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 *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader: Lord God, you have destined us not for your wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen your Church to boldly act to make your Gospel known through words and deeds. O Lord, in your mercy;

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord God, you have a saving plan for the whole world and want to create a new way of living in the midst of the old society. Guide the leaders and citizens of this land so that our nation might be enabled to fulfill your purposes and acting boldly in all justice and truth. O Lord, in your mercy;

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord God, you rule the day and the night: Bless and sustain the work of your hands. May we be ready to boldly work with you in your plan to restore all of creation. O Lord, in your mercy;

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord God, you are a merciful God: hear the prayers of those who cry out to you for help. Be present with the suffering in their waking and their sleeping. Reading their names out loud we pray especially for: **Cesar Pacheco, Mike Marucci, Eva Cordova, Kathy Mack, Bob Messick, Mary Del Ojo, Dave Baker, Dana & Bill Dean, Evelyn & Jerry Watkins, Lee Westbrook, Nancy Pignatello, Jack Christel, Walt & Nancy Nickens, Ray Rogers, Tessie, Christopher, Martha, Cicely, Elyse, Joseph, Micah, Aidan and Jaclyn.**

Leader: O Lord, in your mercy;

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord God, you who are enthroned in the heavens are the source of light and life and love. May we not trust in our own schemes but always lift our eyes to you so we may be" doers" of your will. In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for; Sid & Mary Johnston & Charlotte Kalb and for those celebrating birthdays this week; Argirios Karydes, Denise Caruthers, Jared Balsky, Elena Messick, Jennifer L'Estrange. We pray for Liberian students Fatumata, Princess, Maxwell, George & Derick. Deliver us, O God;

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord God, your Son Jesus died for us and rose again so that we might dwell in your light forever: Give to the dying and the dead the hope of living into the eternal encounter of your love. O Lord, in your mercy;

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Presider: Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence may be kept)*

Presider and People

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.

The Presider stands and says
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Announcements

The Peace

The Presider says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence:

Choral Anthem: "When In Our Music God Is Glorified" ~ arr. H. Ziegenhals

Presentation Hymn: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" Hymn #380

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the presider. (vs. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B BCP page 367

The people remain standing. The Presider faces them and says

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

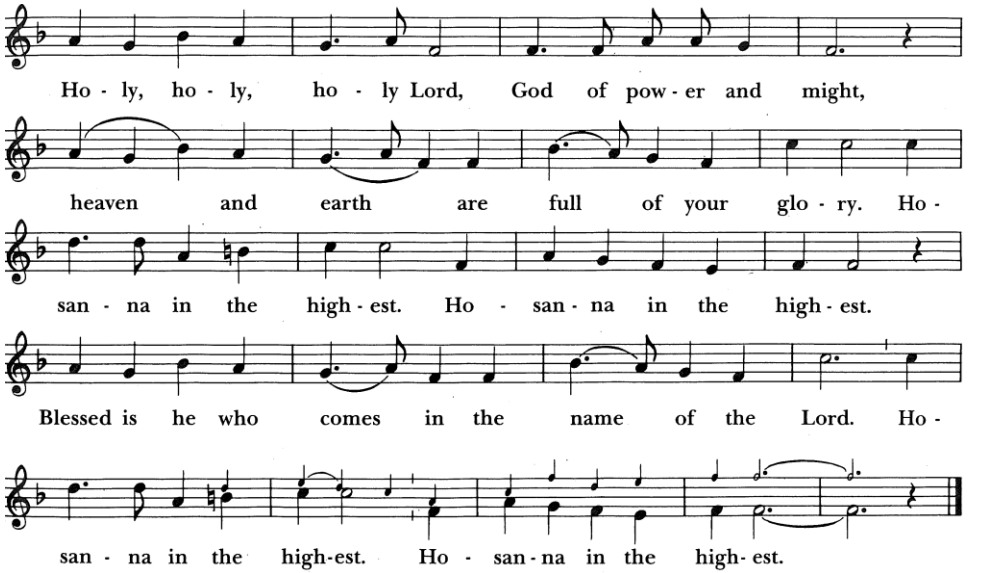
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.***The Presider proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show fourth your glory in all the world.

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:

Sanctus Hymnal S 125



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,

Presider 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 St. 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.**

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

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

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Invitation to Communion

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.

Communion Meditation: "Air in D" ~ J.S. Bach
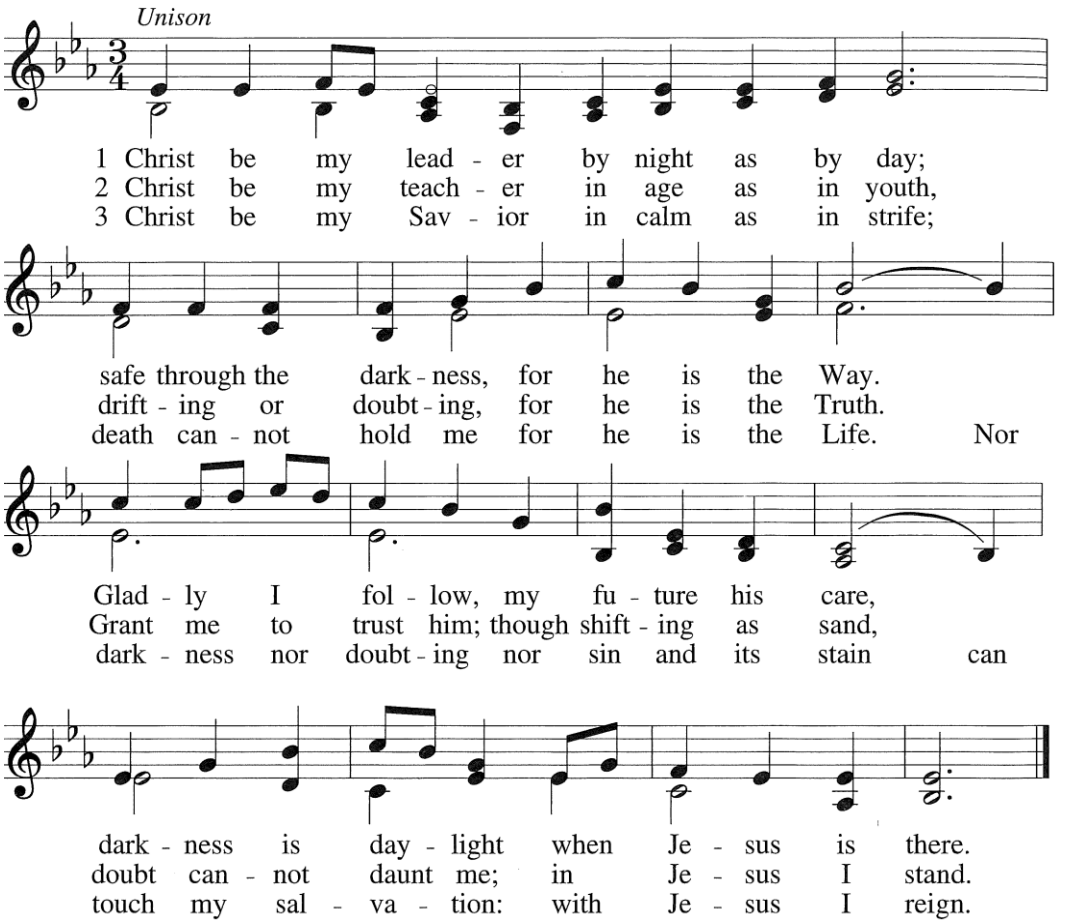
Post Communion Prayer Book of Common Prayer page 366

Presider and people

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn #453 W&R "Christ Be My Leader"



Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ~ J. Pachelbel

Parish Notes

November

18	Wednesday	7-8pm	Regional Faith Community (St. Peter's) "Kingdom"
21	Saturday	7:30-9am	Men's Breakfast
22	Sunday	10:15am	Holy Baptism of Kai Johnston
29	Sunday	10:15am	Advent 1 ~ **Advent Craft** for all Sunday School Children

December

2	Wednesday	7-8pm	Regional Faith Community (COTS) "Spouse"
11	**Friday**	**4:30-5:30pm**	**Christmas Pageant Casting & Practice 1**
12	Saturday	10:30am-1:30pm	Saint John's Luncheon (Helen's Group)
13	**Sunday**	**3-5pm**	**Youth Group ~ Cookie Bake**
		5-6pm	**Carols by Candlelight on the Centennial Terrace**
16	Wednesday	7-8pm	Regional Faith Community (St. Peter's) "Earth"
17	**Thursday**	**4:30-5:30pm**	**Christmas Pageant Practice 2**
18	**Friday**	**4-5pm**	**Christmas Caroling at the Oaks Health Center in Denville**
19	**Saturday**	**7:30-9am**	**Men's Breakfast**
		10:30am-1:30pm	**Saint John's Luncheon (Steve's Group)**
24	**Thursday**	**4:30pm**	**Christmas Eve Family Service & Christmas Pageant**
		9:15pm	**Christmas Carol Sing & Festival Christmas Eve Eucharist**
25	**Friday**	**9:30am**	**Christmas Day Eucharist**
30	Wednesday	10:30-12:30pm	Faith Kitchen at Holy Trinity Lutheran in Dover