ST. PETER'S
MOUNTAIN LAKES



The Feast of Christ the King
The Last Sunday after Pentecost
and the Baptism of
Kai Michael Johnston
November 22, 2026
10:15am



Welcome to St. Peter's

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by The Catlett Family,
In Loving Memory of Karen's Parents,
Jean D. and William T. Archer

Ministers of the Service

	Today's Servers
Presider & Preacher	The Reverend Michael Muller
Deacon:	The Reverend Nancy Hansen
Lay Pastoral Leader:	Peeka Trenkle
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Organist/Music Director:	Sal Lagattuta
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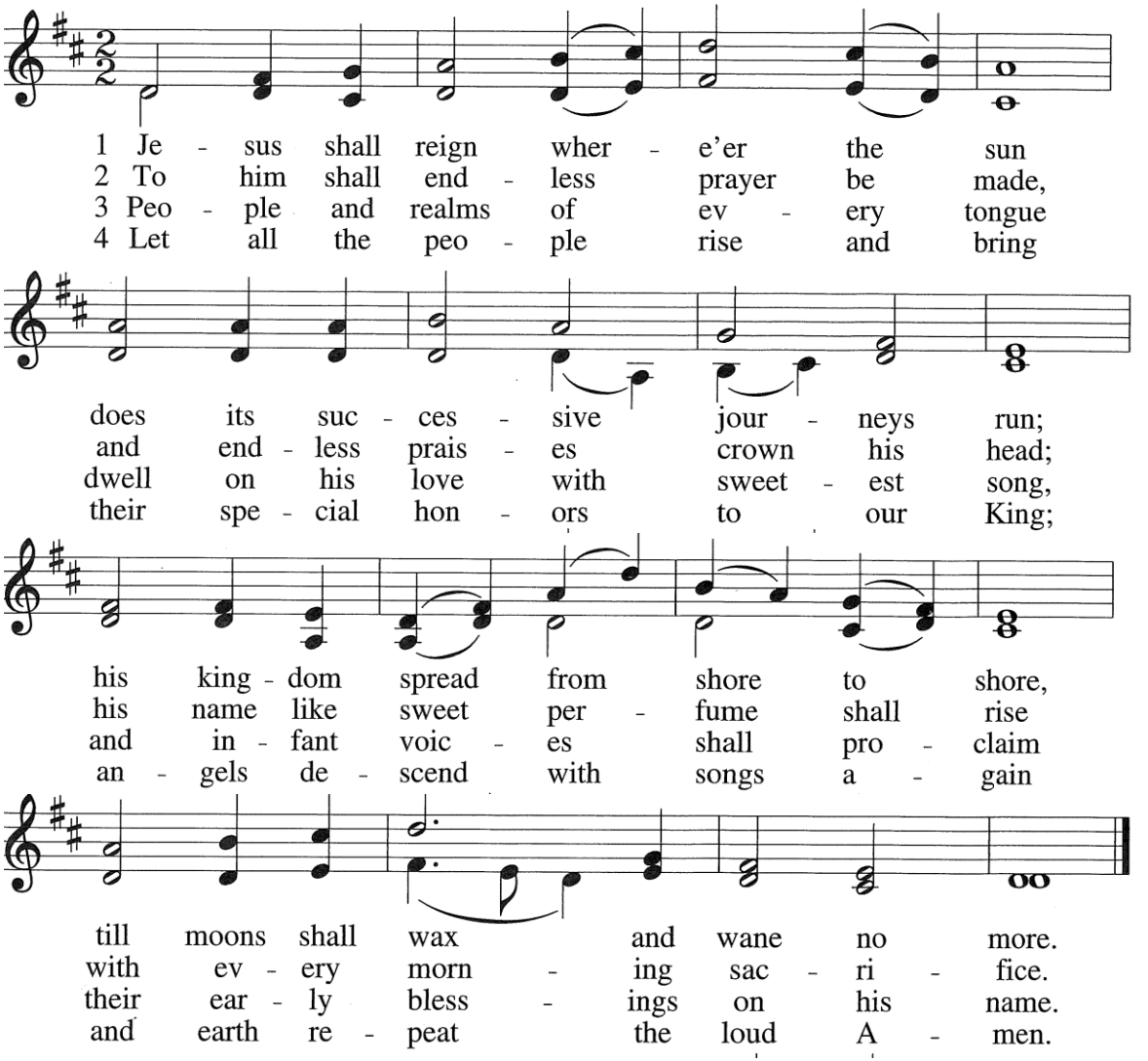
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Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Word of God

Prelude: "Rejoice The Lord Is King" ~ arr. J. Mansfield

(Please stand)

Processional Hymn: #341 "Jesus Shall Reign"



Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer p. 299

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

Presider: There is one Body and one Spirit;
People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People: **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord

God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

Psalm 95:**1-7a**

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

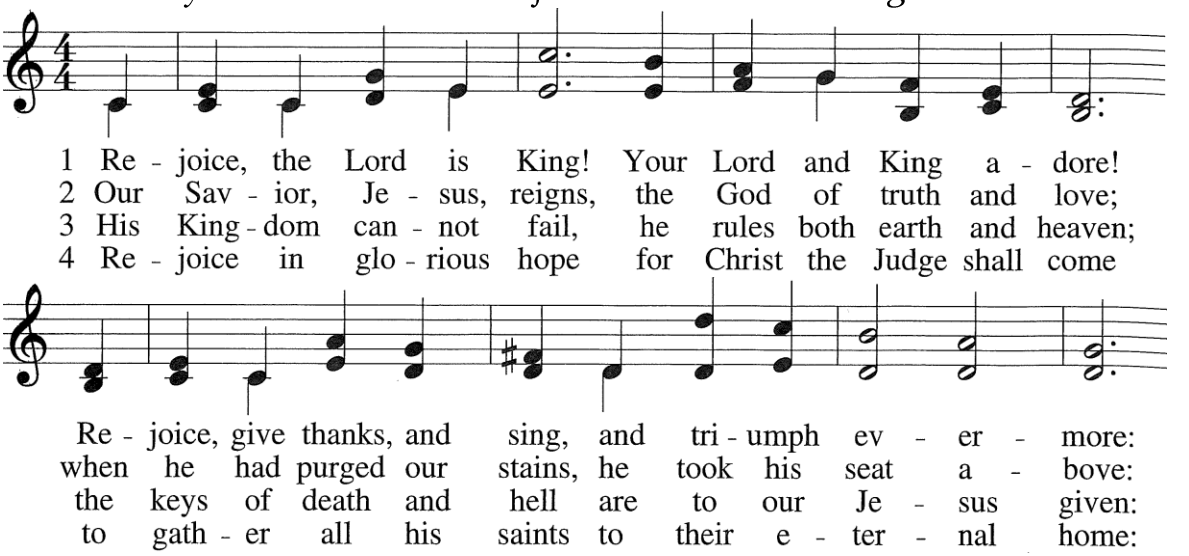
Second Reading: **Ephesians 1:15-23**
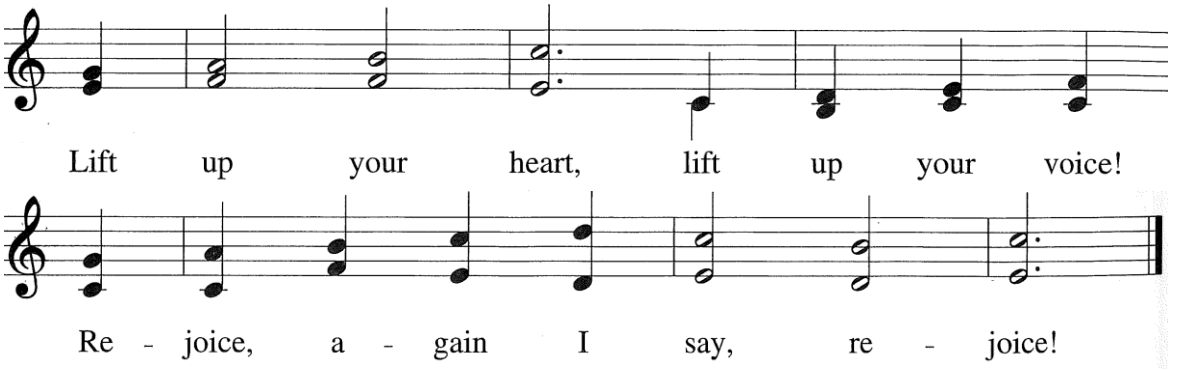
A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Gradual Hymn: #342 W&R "Rejoice The Lord Is King"





Gospel Announcement

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

Gospel: **Matthew 25:31-46**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will

answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

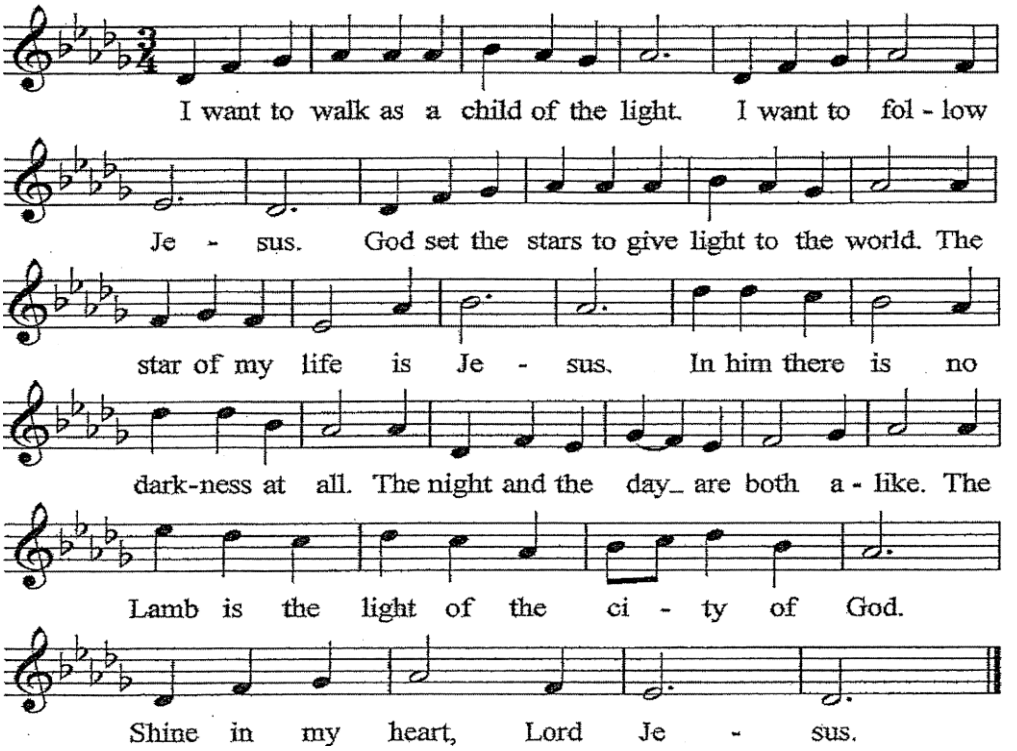
The Gospel of the Lord
"Praise to you, Lord Christ"

Sermon — The Reverend Michael Muller

Procession to the Font *Parents and godparents gather at the font.*

Please Stand

Baptismal Hymn: I Want to Walk as a Child of Light



Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Presider says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents, Sponsors and Godparents

I present Kai Michael to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Presider asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

The Presider asks the parents and godparents

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Presider asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them**.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

The Presider addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Presider then says these or similar words

Let us join with Kai who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

The Presider then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for Kai who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill his with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Presider says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Presider blesses the water, first saying

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

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

Presider

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Presider touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Kai, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

When this action has been completed, the priest, prays over him, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Kai, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The Presider says

Kai, receive the light of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Presider and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

The Presider says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

All are invited to share God's peace.

Announcements

We are all reeling at the sad news of the unexpected death of Alyson Pearl on Tuesday. There is a big hole in our parish and in our hearts. Alyson gave of herself so joyfully and lovingly. She loved St. Peter's, the Altar Guild and the liturgy. But most of all she loved our children and cared deeply for each and every one of them. I will miss her terribly and marvel in the ways that the Holy Spirit enlarged her heart in the years that I have known her. May she rest in peace and the enjoyment of the heavenly liturgy with the God she loves and all the saints in the light of the Lamb, the King of heaven. Fr. Michael.

Please pray for Alyson's family and her children: Andrew and Alana.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Alyson, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence:

Choral Anthem: "Crown Him With Many Crowns" ~ arr. C. Courtney

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.

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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.**

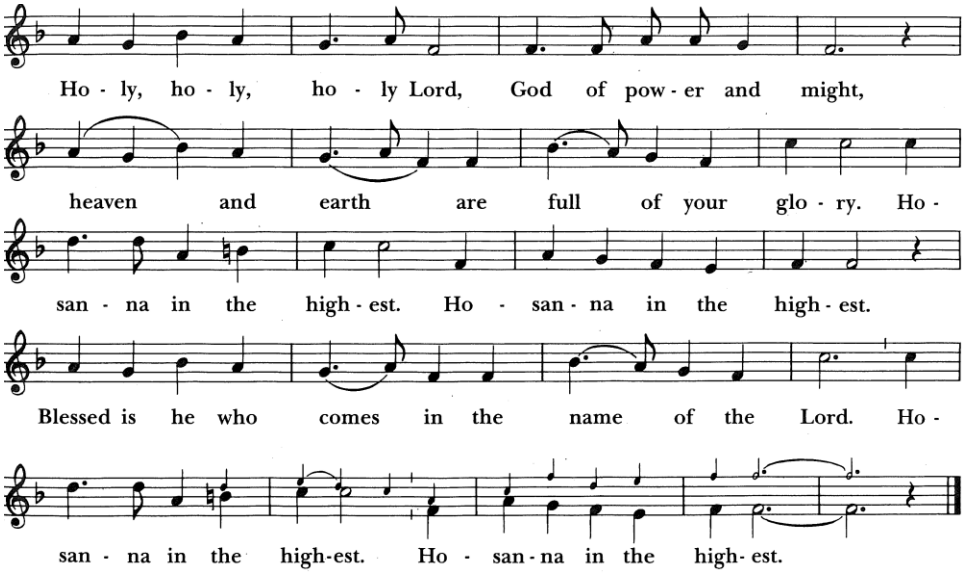
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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 "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" ~ arr. D. Wood
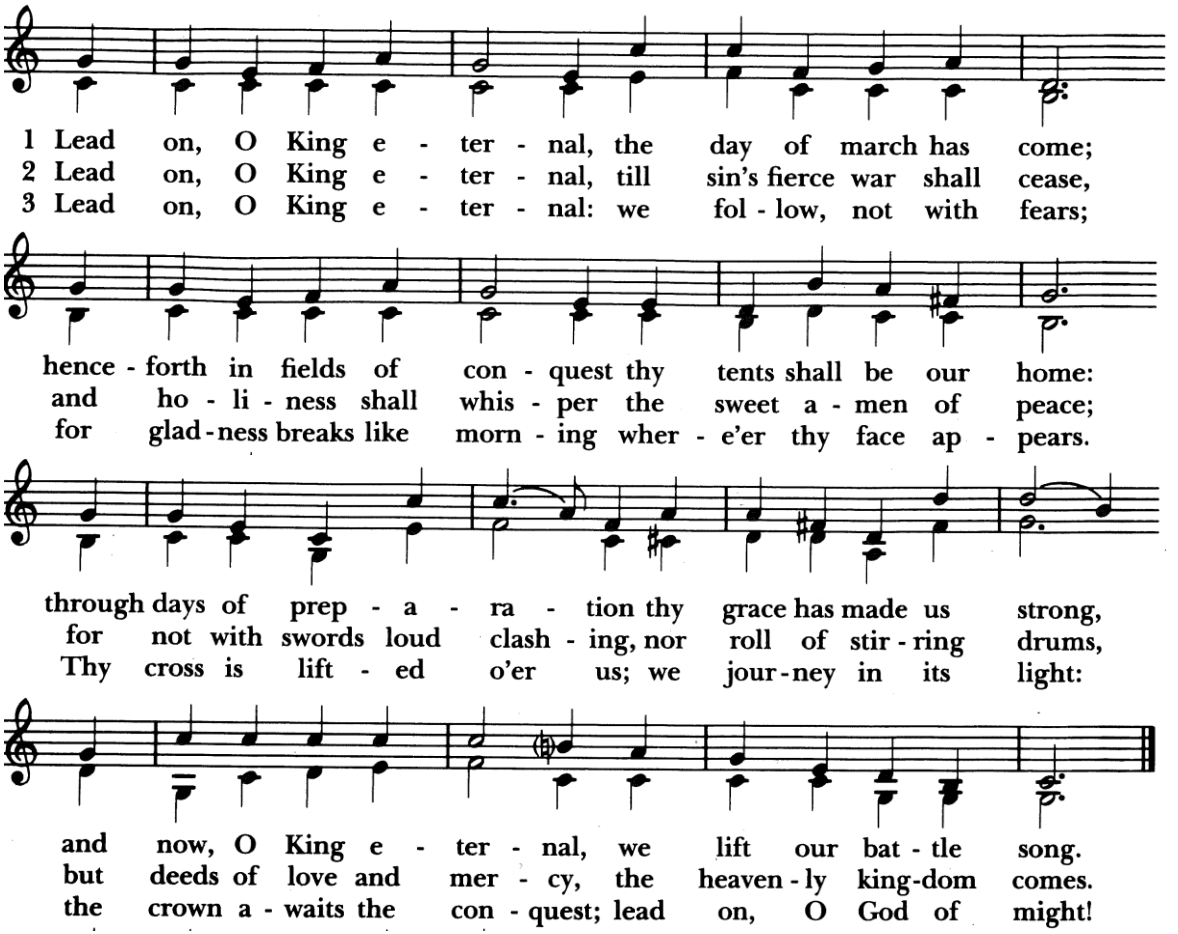
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Presider and people

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 #555 "Lead On O King Eternal"



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

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

Postlude: "Prelude in G" ~ J.S. Bach

Parish Notes

November

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

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St. Peter's Mission Statement

St. Peter's exists to celebrate our Christian faith through worship, fellowship and the demonstration of Christian love in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

To accomplish this purpose we must

- Invite and welcome all persons into the warmth and fellowship of the St. Peter's family.
- Strengthen and support all members of our church family in their daily lives and minister to their needs.
- Create a rich environment where our common Christian values are shared and taught through worship, through study of the Bible and through example.
- Reach out to the world around us and demonstrate Christian love, sharing our gifts and talents with our neighbors and those in need of them.

The Staff at St. Peter's

The Reverend Michael Muller, Rector
Sal Lagattuta, Music Director
Lisa Kawalek, Parish Administrator

The Wardens and Vestry

Jeff Roth, Senior Warden; Hope White, Junior Warden

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