



ST. PETER'S

MOUNTAIN LAKES

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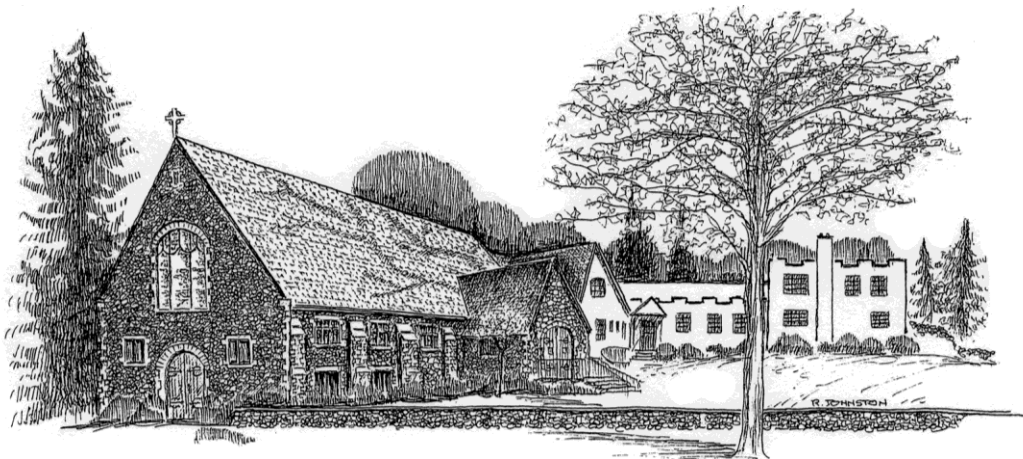


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215 BOULEVARD
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THE REV. MICHAEL MULLER, RECTOR

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S!

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Deborah & Fred Osborne
in thanksgiving for their birthdays.*

Ministers of the Service

Today's Servers

Celebrant & Preacher:	Rev. Michael Muller
Organist/Music Director:	Sal Lagattuta
Ushers:	Jerry & Evelyn Watkins
Lay Reader:	Wilson Mitchell
Hymn Leader: & Soloist	Helene Millar, Soprano
Altar Guild:	The Mitchell Team: Wendy Mitchell, Betsy Myatt, Elaine Pantaleo, Anna Floreno, Susan Marshall

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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Word of God

Prelude: "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

arr. M. Hayes

(Please stand)

Opening Hymn: "On this day" vs. 1-3

Hymn #47



1 On this day, the first of days, God the Fa - ther's Name we praise,
2 On this day the e - ter - nal Son o - ver death his tri - umph won;
3 Ma - ker, who didst fa - shion me im - age of thy - self to be,



1 who, cre - a - tion's Lord and spring, did the world from dark - ness bring.
2 on this day the Spi - rit came with his gifts of liv - ing flame.
3 fill me with thy love di - vine, let my ev - ery thought be thine.

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, son and Holy spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 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

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take
away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand
of the Father: receive our prayer.**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

The Lessons *(Please be seated)*

First Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7a

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! *

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading: James 2:1-10, 14-17

A reading from the letter of James: My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty

clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

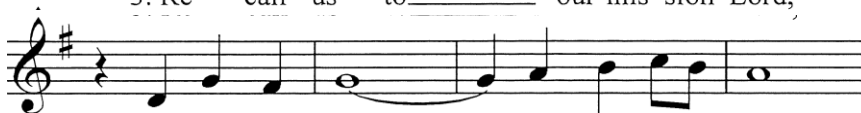
People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

Gradual Hymn: **“From Miles Around”**



1. From miles a - round_____ the sick ones came,
2. A - cross the world,_____ a-cross the street,
3. Re - call us to_____ our mis-sion Lord,



in hope that one_____ they heard was_ Lord
the vic-tims of_____ in - jus- tice_ cry
to reach for those_____ cut - off, in__ pain;

would make their souls_____ and bod - ies_ well
for shel - ter and_____ for bread to_ eat,
to of - fer friend - ship, strength, and peace

with heal - ing touch_____ or sav - ing_ word.
and nev - er live_____ un - til they die.
and be a faith - ful church a - gain.

Gospel Announcement

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People: **“Glory to you, Lord Christ.”**

Mark 7:24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure,

saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

Response after the Gospel **“Praise to you, Lord Christ.”**

Sermon

The Rev. Michael Muller

The Apostles’ Creed

Book of Common Prayer page 96

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

**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.

**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. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: Make your church quick to listen for your voice as we move forward as doers of the word. We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; for those who support your mission or mercy in the world; those who teach; and those who take your word into their hearts. Hear us Lord,

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We pray for the world. Guide those who guide others, that they may genuinely be concerned about the welfare of their people. Open our ears to the cries of

your people who suffer in dark corners of this world, and open our hands to reach out to them with generous spirits. Hear us Lord,

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We are burdened by illness, anxieties, addictions and broken relationships. Cover us with your grace and compassion. We ask you to heal those who suffer. Reading their names together we pray for **Betsy Myatt, Melissa Silk, Traci Rutt, Judith Whitenack, Ryan Nash & family, Evelyn Watkins, Joseph Andreozzi, Charlotte Manning, Joseph DeBiase, Laura Russell, Carleen Mulqueen, Edward Fienga, Catherine McFarland Dickson, Victor Smith, Richard Bayley, Neville DeCosta, Ruth Dredden, Nancy Pignatello, Jim Trimiglozzi, Rich Eresman, Eileen Berrios, Lawrence Larsen, Jack Christal, Nancy Nickens, Ray Rogers, Vern, Alexis, Donald, Kevin, Cicely, Dylan and Elyse.**

Leader: Hear us Lord,

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We are grieved by the loss of those who have died. Give us confidence in your promise of endless life with you, surrounded by your glory and accompanied by your saints and angels. Hear us Lord,

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We celebrate the mystery your love and care for us, for the gift of your Son, and the encouragement of your Holy Spirit. We pray for our St. Peter's Church family, and especially today Steve & Ellen Emr and Jim & Susan Ferguson; and for those celebrating birthdays this week: Max Troisi, Louis Brandt, Steve Foshay and John Spagnola; and for our Mozambican friends Eugénio, Alberto & António, Hear us Lord,

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Solo “Great is Thy Faithfulness” arr. J. Schrader

The Great Thanksgiving, *Eucharistic Prayer A* Book of Common Prayer p. 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life: you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Invitation to Communion

Communion Meditation: "Humbly I Adore Thee"

arr. M. Larkin

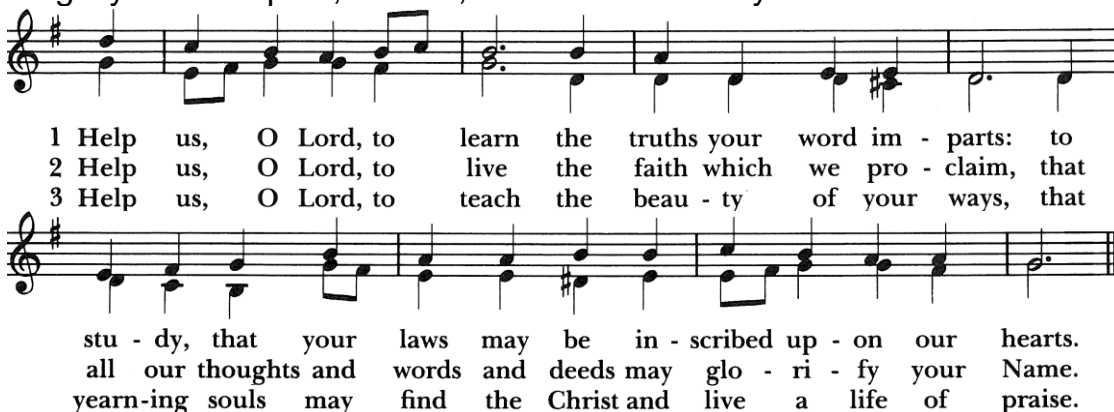
Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and people

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Please stand)

Closing Hymn: "Help us, O Lord, to learn" vs. Hymn # 628



1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to
2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that
3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that
stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.
all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.
yearn-ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

Dismissal Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Postlude: "Improvisation on 'O For a Thousand Tongues to sing'" arr. D. Wagner