

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 11, 2023
10:15 am

WELCOME!

Ministers of the Service

Today's Servers

Celebrant & Preacher:	Rev. Michael Muller
Deacon:	The Rev. Deacon Nancy Hansen
Verger:	Tim O'Donnell
Organist/Music Director:	Sal Lagattuta
Soloists:	Susan Fleischman, Diane Grabowski, & Helene Millar
Ushers:	Kevin Edwards and E.V. Janopaul
Lay Reader:	Fred Osborne
Eucharistic Minister:	Tom George
Altar Guild:	The Narain/Watkins Team: Sandy Narain, Susan Edwards, Liz Muller, Evelyn Watkins, Kris Garrison, Lisa Sonn, Dana Dean, Lee Westbrook
Parish Picnic Hosts:	John & Kris Garrison

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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude: "What a Wonderful World"

R. Thiele

(Please stand)

Processional Hymn: "Morning has broken"

Hymn #8

Unison or harmony



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
born of the one light E - den saw play! _____



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
God's re - cre - a - tion, of the new day! _____

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
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 in excelsis

Hymnal S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 33:1-12

1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the Lord with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

4 For the word of the Lord is right, *
and all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.

6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.

11 But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

Second Reading Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those

who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

Gradual Hymn: “For the Beauty of the Earth” vs 1-3 *from Worship & Rejoice*



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
 hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Gospel Announcement

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

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

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-17

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?’ But when he heard this, he said, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.’

Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, ‘Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?’ And Jesus said to them, ‘The wedding-guests cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.’

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

Sermon

The Rev. Michael Muller

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 Forgive us, O God. You desire steadfast love and yet too often our hearts are fickle. You long for us to be people of mercy and yet it is much easier to simply go through the motions. Help your Church, O god.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of Abraham, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth. Restore us to unity. Help your people, O god.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Holy Jesus, you have come to heal the sick. Heal us. Bind us up. Help those who are suffering, O God. . Reading their names together we pray for **Gary Smith, Mary Del Ojo, Gisela Sekiya, Glenn Clark, John Dubowchik, Toby Frey, Jill Sculley, Clifford Benfield, Donald Ricciardi, Daniel Sangregorio, Dana Dean, Evelyn Watkins, Laurie McCarthy, Nancy Mclarin, Lee Westbrook, Charlotte Manning, Richard Bayley, Nancy Pignatello, Rich Eresman, Jack Christel, Nancy Nickens, Ray Rogers Tessie, Christopher, Kalin, Martha, Dorothy, Vern, Kevin, Cicely, Dylan and Elyse.**

Leader: Mighty God, come to us like the spring rains that water the earth. Restore this community; refresh its people. Help our city, O God. We pray for our St. Peter's Church Family and in particular today The Maron and Mastroianni Families; for those celebrating birthdays this week: : Owen Foster, Bob Emer, Julie Hirshenson, Sabrina Giordano, Mary Lou Musciano, Susan Edwards and Christopher Johnson; for our Mozambican friends Eugénio, Alberto & António and the Ibrahimi and Mohabat Families.

People: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader: Living God, your Holy Child was raised for our justification. We pray for the dead. Raise them up on the last day, that they may live before you in eternity. Help the dying and the dead, O God. who have died take comfort in your eternal presence.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant:

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

Celebrant 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 Celebrant 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.**

The Celebrant says to the people

People: **And also with you.**

Choral Anthem: “There is a Balm in Gilead”

arr. M. McDonald

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

The people stand

**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 A

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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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Then the Celebrant continues, the people stand or kneel.

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.

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.**

Celebrant

As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says

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.

All are invited to participate in Communion.

Please approach the Altar by the center aisle and return to your pew by exiting to the right.

Communion Solos: "Amazing Grace"

arr. J. Shafferman

Celebrant 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*(Please stand)***Recessional Hymn: "Now thank we all our God"****Hymn #397**

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,

2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us!

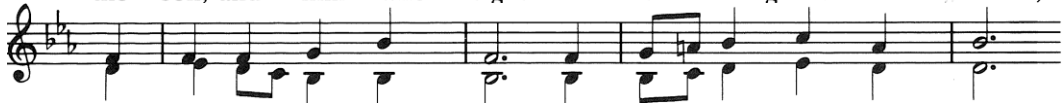
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;

with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;

the Son, and him who reigns with them in high-est hea - ven,



who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way

and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,

e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.

and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

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

*People***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.****Postlude: "Everything is Beautiful"****R. Stevens.**

Parish Notes

Many, Many Thanks to John and Kris Garrison, our gracious hosts of the annual outdoor service and parish picnic. We so appreciate their generous hospitality as we gather together to celebrate our faith and our community in their lovely home and yard.

Thanks also to Music Director Sal Lagattuta and the choir for bringing the sound system, keyboard, and their beautiful voices to enhance our worship together today.

Sunday, June 18: Summer Schedule begins through Labor Day Weekend.

After the Picnic, we begin our Summer Service Schedule from Sunday, June 18 through Labor Day weekend on September 3. There will be our regular brief Rite I Eucharist at 8:00 am and the **Rite II Eucharist with music will be at 9:30 am.** After the 9:30 am Eucharist our traditional "Coffee Hour" is replaced with "**Lemonade in the Shade.**" If weather allows, we gather outdoors under the shade of the oak trees for lemonade, iced tea and a simple snack. Sign ups for July and August are available on the sheet in the parish hall.

Summer Parish Office Hours change to Tuesday through Thursday 9:30 am -2:30 pm

Sunday School and our regular schedule returns on Sunday, September 10.

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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

The Reverend Deacon Nancy Hansen

Sal Lagattuta, Music Director

Susan Marshall, Parish Coordinator

The Wardens and Vestry

Betsy Myatt, Senior Warden; Deborah Osborne, Junior Warden

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