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MOUNTAIN LAKES

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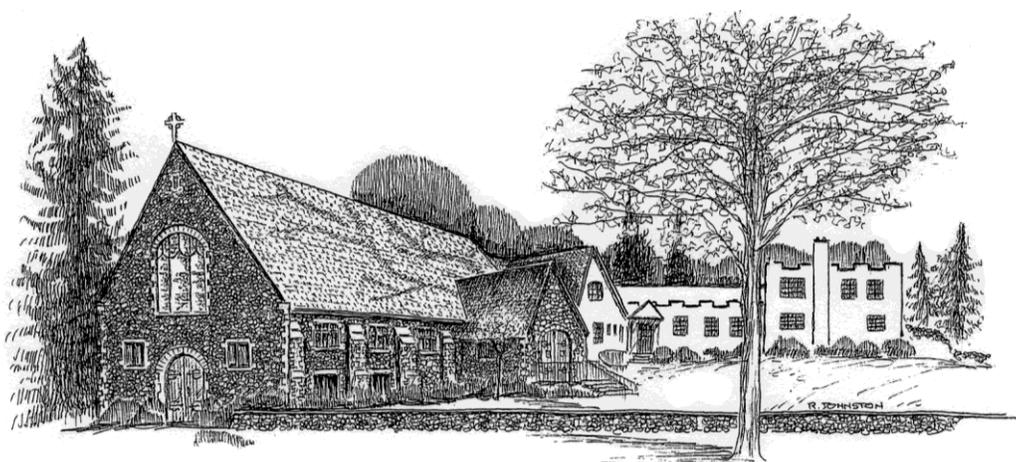


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The Lenten Plants are given to the Glory of God.

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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Word of God

Prelude: "Fugue on Kyrie"

F. Couperin

The Great Litany

Book of Common Prayer p. 148

Officiant: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Officiant: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Officiant: O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Officiant: O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Officiant: Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

People: Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant: From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Lenten Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures forever. Amen.**

Lenten Exhortation

Book of Common Prayer p. 317

Celebrant: Examine your lives...banquet of that most heavenly food.

Cantor, then People:



Celebrant: And if, in your preparation...and the strengthening of your faith.

Cantor, then People:



Celebrant: To Christ our Lord who loves us...and come boldly before the throne of grace.

Cantor, then People:



The Decalogue

Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not commit murder.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

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 goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Insert

After each reading the Reader may say:

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

A reading from the Book of Genesis: God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Psalm 25:1-9

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of Peter: Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gradual Hymn: "Forty days and forty nights vs 1-3"

Hymn #150



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!



1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!

Gospel Announcement

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

People: "Glory to you, Lord Christ."

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Michael Muller

Prayers of the People

Leader: In the silence of our hearts. Let us pray.

People: **Christ be manifest in us.**

Leader: In the beauty of our worship: for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Carlye our Bishop, and Michael our Priest let us pray.

People: **Christ be manifest in us.**

Leader: As we struggle to live together in peace: for Joe, our President and Phil, our Governor let us pray.

People: **Christ be manifest in us.**

Leader: For the St. Peter's Church family, and especially today, Helene Millar and Wilson & Wendy Mitchell; and those celebrating birthdays this week: Courtney Sonn, Joe Spagnola, Elizabeth Kalb and J.P. Vanier. Let us pray.

People: **Christ be manifest in us.**

Leader: Walk with us as we care for those who ache. Reading their names together we pray for **Donna Saitta, Janet Wilson, Charlotte Manning, Tania Lisitski, Joseph DeBiase, Rev. Gerard Pisani, Rev. Tom Peters, Laura Russell, Salvatore Di Miceli, Owen Davis, Gary Smith, 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, and victims of COVID-19.**

People: **Christ be manifest in us.**

Leader: Walk with us as we walk with those returning to you; remembering especially today Bill Cunningham Jr, and Joyce Lawrence. Let us pray.

People: **Christ be manifest in us.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Solo: "What Wondrous Love is This"

arr. A. Laura Page/S. Lagattuta

The Great Thanksgiving, *Enriching Our Worship*-Eucharistic Prayer 1

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

**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

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting

heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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 Organ Music: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

arr. W. Held

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Celebrant and people

In union O Lord, with all the faithful, in our homes and at this and every altar of your Holy Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered, we present to you our souls and bodies. And because we cannot now receive sacramentally, we ask that you come spiritually into our hearts. Let nothing separate us from you, and let us live and die in your love. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: "Now let us all with one accord"

vs. 1&2

Hymn #147

1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in
2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to

1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our
2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -

1 heaven-ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.
2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.

Dismissal: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Toccatina in E-minor"

J. Pachelbel