

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (YEAR B - PROPER 18)



5 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

10:00 am



St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church
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WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S BY-THE-SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We extend a warm welcome to everyone, and especially any visitors who may be worshipping with us today.

If you do not already have a church home, please feel welcome to join this Parish family.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcomed to the table to receive Holy Communion.

Our Services begin with the Opening Voluntary. You are invited to enter quietly into the spirit of worship as the music is played.

— PARISH NOTICES —

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES ON SUNDAYS AT 9AM AND TUESDAYS AT 10:30AM. All are invited!

THE ALTAR GUILD WILL MEET ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT 9AM IN THE LOUNGE.

MANY THANKS TO MANUEL ZACARIAS FOR SERVING AS SUBORGANIST FOR MARK ENGELHARDT TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY AS MARK TAKES HIS REMAINING VACATION DAYS.

AS WE CONTINUE TO WEND OUR WAY THROUGH THE TRIALS OF COVID-TIDE, WE HAVE DECIDED TO DELAY THE START OF OUR CHORAL YEAR UNTIL IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE. As of this time, we are hoping for a launching of the season in October or early November. This period will give us an opportunity to explore new dimensions in parish music and how we can offer the best of our musical offerings in thanksgiving for God's great gifts to us. Be on the lookout for further announcements in the next few weeks!

CONCERTS AT ST. PETER'S ARE RETURNING! The first production to be presented is a very unusual one! The Magical Orchestra is a fusion of traditional orchestral instruments (including our own Gress-Miles pipe organ!) with the sonorities usually associated with pop and rock. See the poster on page 13 for more details about the concert on Sunday, September 26th at 7pm. *(Please note: This program is presented under the auspices of The Magical Orchestra, Inc. The 2021-2022 program for Music at St. Peter's Concerts will be announced soon!)*

ST. PETER'S CHURCH CONTINUES TO HOST SEVERAL SUPPORT GROUPS IN ADDITION TO VOLLEYBALL AND SOCCER CLUBS. Our two long-standing AA groups meet on Monday and Friday evenings. We also have an Al-Anon meeting on Friday mornings at 10am and another on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm. There is also a support group for heroin addiction which meets on Sunday evenings. Please contact Megan via the hotline: 631-210-6297 or www.halongisland.org if interested in joining the HA group. Call the parish office if interested in attending the AA or Al-Anon groups for contact information.

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF PARISHIONER ELLEN JUNG. The service of Holy Communion will be on Friday, September 10 at 10:30 am, with interment of ashes at the Columbarium immediately following.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

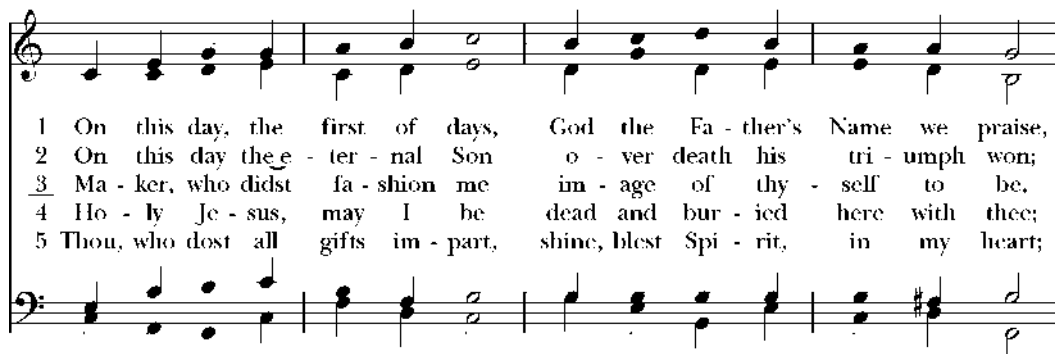
Opening Voluntary

Opening Hymn

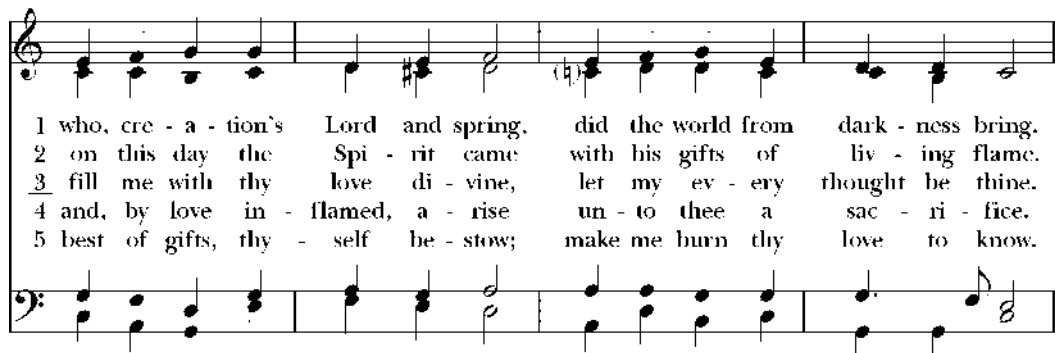
On this day, the first of days

The Hymnal 1982, #47

Gott sei dank



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 in - age of thy - self to be,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, may I be dead and bur - ied here with thee;
5 Thou, who dost all gifts im - part, shine, blest Spi - rit, in my heart;



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.
4 and, by love in - flamed, a - rise un - to thee a sac - ri - fice.
5 best of gifts, thy - self be - stow; make me burn thy love to know.

6 God, the blessed Three in One,
dwell within my heart alone;
thou dost give thyself to me:
help me give myself to thee.

Stanzas 1 and 2 may be sung as a sequence hymn.

Words: Latin; tr. Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt. Music: *Gott sei Dank*, melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

The Greeting

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever Amen.

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

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.**

The Song of Praise (Trisagion) (Said Three Times)

Bishop Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,

People Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day (*The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost—Proper 18*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The First Lesson: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Lector A reading from the Book of Proverbs

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:
the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;
for the Lord pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 125

- 1 *Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, **
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 **The hills stand about Jerusalem; ***
so does the Lord stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 **The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, ***
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 **Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good ***
and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 **As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,**
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.

The Second Lesson: James 2:1-17

Lector 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. For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

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

People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

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 Syrophenician 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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Johny Itty

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People, Form IV (BCP, p. 388)

Intercessor

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for those in the Armed Forces: Christian, Erik, John, Robert, and Stephen;

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for Andrea, Ann, Annakutty, Anthony, Autumn, Ben, Betty, Betty C., Bill, Caroline, Chris, Deanna, Diane, Donna, Elinor, Felix (Sr.), Gary, Greg, Hannah, Jackie, Joe, Joel, Joy, Joyce, June, Kamryn, Lorraine, Mark, Matthew, Mike, Muriel, Roger, Sarah Grace, Shanti, Sister Joy, Steve, Sue, Vincent, and William;

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer chronic illness, and for all caregivers;

For our companion Dioceses Torit & Ecuador-Central; and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by the COVID-19 Pandemic, natural disasters, terrorism, war, famine, tyranny, or injustice.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Silence

The Bishop says

O 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.**

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Bishop Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Bishop Most merciful God,

All 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.

Bishop 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

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn at the Offertory

Thou, whose almighty word

The Hymnal 1982, #371

Moscow

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriot (1780-1825), alt.
 Music: Moscow, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796), harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymnus Anticem and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP, 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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Celebrant and People

**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.

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,

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

Bishop Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **grant us peace.**

In the Episcopal Church, Baptized Christians from any denomination may receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Bishop Let us pray.

**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.**

The Postcommunion Hymn

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

The Hymnal 1982, #344

St. Matthew

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to
 2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,
 3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,
 strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed
 life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,

o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the
 owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be
 with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and

blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er
 near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed
 eyes that see, give wis - dom's heaven - ly lore, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame,
 street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - ces - argt's shore.
 sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumbre (1821-1891), alt. Music: *St. Matthew* from *Supplemental to the New Version of Psalms* by Dr. Brady and Mr. Tate, 1708

The Blessing and Dismissal

The People's Response

Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

— FOR THE SERVICE —

Officiant and Preacher

Lector

Lay Eucharistic Minister and Intercessor

Acolyte

Organist

Usher

Altar Guild

The Right Reverend Johncy Itty

Linda Brady

Bob Birch

William Logan

Manuel Zacarias

Linda and Bruce Rauch

Linda Brady, Juanita Moon, Jeannie Taylor

— PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK —

We pray for those who have asked our prayers: Andrea, Ann, Annakutty, Anthony, Autumn, Ben, Betty, Betty C., Bill, Caroline, Charisse, Chris, Diane, Donna, Elinor, Felix (Sr.), Gary, Greg, Hannah, Jackie, Joe, Joel, Joy, Joyce, June, Kamryn, Lorraine, Mark, Matthew, Mike, Muriel, Roger, Sarah Grace, Shanti, Sister Joy, Steve, Sue, Vincent, and William;

We pray for those who have died; that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom; and we pray for those grieving the death of a loved one that they may find peace and comfort.

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Christian, Erik, John, Robert, and Stephen;

We pray for the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer chronic illness, and for all caregivers;

We pray for our companion dioceses of Torit & Ecuador-Central; and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters, terrorism, war, famine, tyranny, or injustice;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Staff & Board of Directors of Episcopal Ministries of LI: Church of the Redeemer, Astoria; St. Andrew's, Astoria; St. George's, Astoria; Canons of the Cathedral; All Saints', Bayside; Chaplains to Military and First Responders;

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; and these Dioceses of Churches in the Anglican Communion: Embu (Kenya); Enugu, Enugu North, Esan, Etche, Etsako (Nigeria)

The Magical Orchestra presents...

Close to the Edge Symphonic

Sunday

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7:00 pm

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You are called to witness **MAGICAL** note-for-note recreations of 14 legendary progressive rock classics from the '60s and '70s, including the *Close to the Edge* album by YES, performed LIVE by our 50-piece orchestra, joined by special guests *Wonderous Stories*, *Mostly Moptop*, Tommy Bowes and harpist Erin Hill.

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Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

The reading from Proverbs tells us that we have a common heritage in the Lord. The reading describes the behavior and attitude we are called to exhibit towards one another. This attitude is also expressed in our Baptismal Covenant, as we commit to “seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving [our] neighbor as [ourselves]” (BCP, p. 305). The proverb warns us not to sow injustice but to be generous and share our bread with those without bread. The Baptismal Covenant calls us to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being” (BCP, p. 305).

- Does this theme of justice and respect for others appear in other passages of the Hebrew scriptures?
- What actions do we take personally and as a community of faith to live out this common heritage as described in the Baptismal Covenant?

Psalm 125

Psalm 125 expands on the theme of justice expressed in the Proverbs reading. The psalmist suggests that the happy (or blessed) person places trust in the Lord as creator of heaven and earth. The Lord is the source of justice and invites those who claim him as Lord to be agents of justice and to care for the poor, the stranger, the orphaned, and the widowed.

- How do you understand the meaning of happy or blessed?
- Who is the stranger in your community?

James 2: 1-10, (11-13), 14-17

The epistle reading goes to the heart of the behavior of the community. It seems that there is a problem with the rich being welcomed and treated favorably at the assembly while the poor are not as welcome. James tells them that they are making “distinctions” damaging to the faith community. The reading echoes Jesus’ teaching and that of the Torah: to love God and your neighbor as yourself. The reading today ends with James advising the community that to be a credible witness, they need to express faith in action.

- Do you agree with James that we are to be a welcoming community?
- Does the reading from James relate to the Proverbs reading and to Psalm 125?

Mark 7:24-37

The gospel today locates Jesus away from Jerusalem in Tyre. He attempts to be unnoticed and wants to keep a low profile. However, his presence is discovered and a Syrophenician woman seeks an exorcism for her daughter. Jesus seems dismissive as they banter about food for the children and scraps that fall from the table for the dogs to eat. Jesus understands his ministry first to the children of Israel, not to the Gentiles. The Gentiles are to participate in the new creation, but that would only follow after the message had been spread in Israel. Matthew's account of this encounter records Jesus' response as acknowledging her great faith. Jesus, recognizing her faith, heals her daughter.

The second miracle, the deaf man with a speech impediment, is one that takes place privately. Jesus wishes to continue his work in anonymity. He heals the deaf man and instructs him tell no one. But as Jesus insists on silence, the man and others who are aware of what has happened go out and tell everyone they meet. The people's excitement concerning Jesus' power takes precedence over his demand for secrecy; the accounts of Jesus' healing ministry are spreading beyond Jerusalem.

The exorcism is performed at a distance, but in the second healing, Jesus touches the man's ear, spits, and touches his tongue. Do you attach any significance to the difference – that is, from a distance or up-close and personal?

Why might Jesus desire privacy and silence regarding the healing in the second miracle?

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Praising God, Serving Neighbor

*We seek to worship the Lord as one loving family
by serving our parish and community
through prayer, music, education, and outreach*