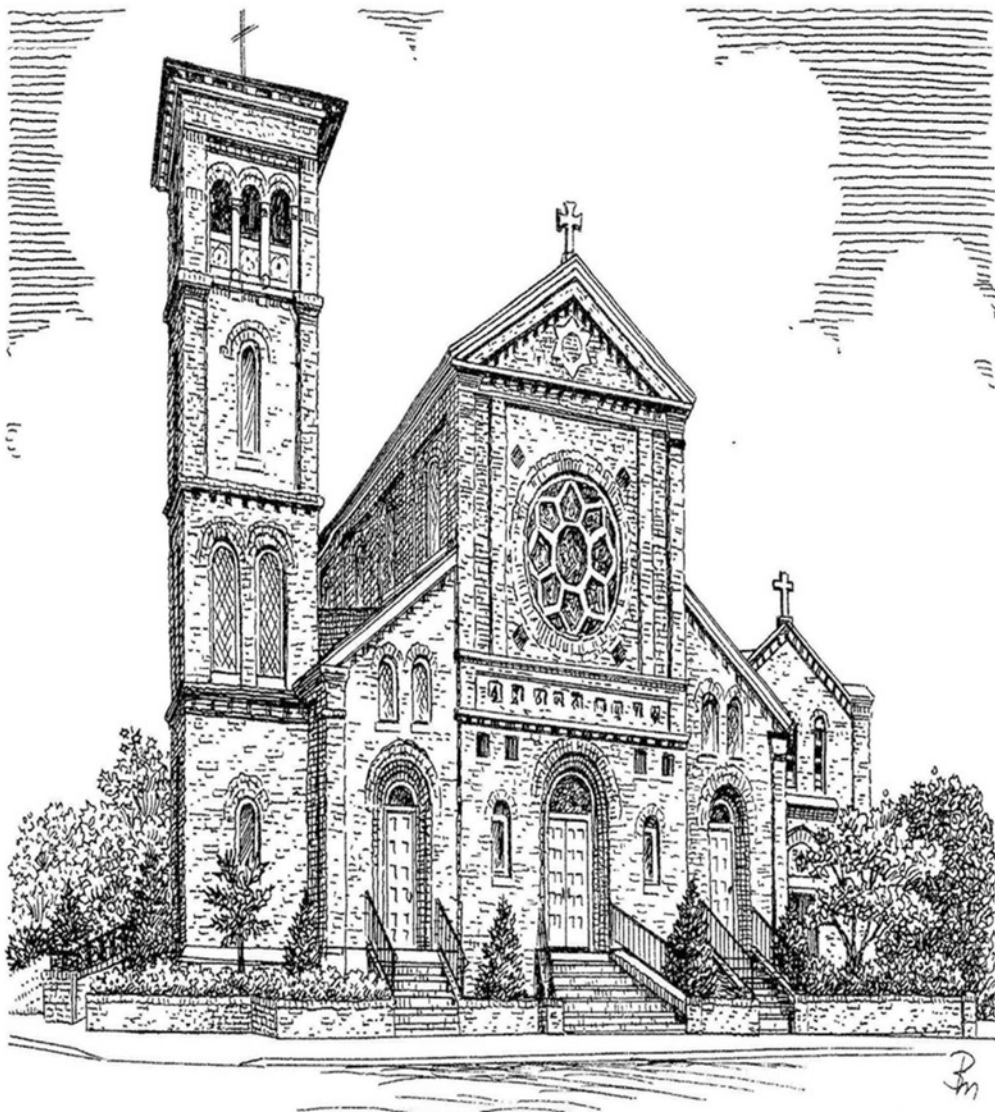


Wednesday Noon
Deacon's Mass
With a Public Service Of Healing

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Salisbury, MD



Wednesday of Proper 10
July 15, 2026

The Word of God

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The people standing, the Celebrant may say

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

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

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Ten Commandments (page 317) may be said, or the following

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Here is sung or said

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (10:5-7, 13-16)

Ah, Assyria, the rod of my anger — the club in their hands is my fury! Against a godless nation I send him, and against the people of my wrath I command him, to take spoil and seize plunder, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. But this is not what he intends, nor does he have this in mind; but it is in his heart to destroy, and to cut off nations not a few. For he says: "By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom, for I have understanding; I have removed the boundaries of peoples, and have plundered their treasures; like a bull I have brought down those who sat on thrones. My hand has found, like a nest, the wealth of the peoples; and as one gathers eggs that have been forsaken, so I have gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved a wing, or opened its mouth, or chirped." Shall the ax vaunt itself over the one who wields it, or the saw magnify itself against the one who handles it? As if a rod should raise the one who lifts it up, or as if a staff should lift the one who is not wood! Therefore the Sovereign, the LORD of hosts, will send wasting sickness among his stout warriors, and under his glory a burning will be kindled, like the burning of fire.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 94:5-15

Deus ultionum

5 They crush your people, O Lord, *
and afflict your chosen nation.

6 They murder the widow and the stranger *
and put the orphans to death.

7 Yet they say, "The Lord does not see, *
the God of Jacob takes no notice."

8 Consider well, you dullards among the people; *
when will you fools understand?

9 He that planted the ear, does he not hear? *
he that formed the eye, does he not see?

10 He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish? *
he who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge?

11 The Lord knows our human thoughts; *
how like a puff of wind they are.

12 Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! *
whom you teach out of your law;

13 To give them rest in evil days, *
until a pit is dug for the wicked.

14 For the Lord will not abandon his people, *
nor will he forsake his own.

15 For judgment will again be just, *
and all the true of heart will follow it.

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (11:25-27)

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

Litany of Healing—*Please stand*

The Celebrant introduces the Litany with this bidding

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The People audibly name those for whom they are interceding.

Leader: God the Father, thy will for all people is health and salvation;

People: We praise thee and thank thee, O Lord.

Leader: God the Son, thou comest that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

People: We praise thee and thank thee, O Lord.

Leader: God the Holy Spirit, thou makest our bodies the temple of thy presence;

People: We praise thee and thank thee, O Lord.

Leader: Holy Trinity, one God, in thee we live and move and have our being;

People: We praise thee and thank thee, O Lord.

Leader: Lord, grant thy healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

People: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Leader: Grant to all who seek thy guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of thy will and an awareness of thy presence;

People: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Leader: Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

People: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Leader: Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

People: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Leader: Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of thy Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

People: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Leader: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

People: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Leader: Thou art the Lord who does wonders:

People: Thou hast declared thy power among the peoples.

Leader: With thee, O Lord, is the well of life:

People: And in thy light we see light.

Leader: Hear us, O Lord of life:

People: Heal us, and make us whole.

Leader: Let us pray.

A period of silence follows.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers with one of the following or some other suitable Collect:

Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send thy blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

or this

Heavenly Father, thou hast promised to hear what we ask in the Name of thy Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as we are known and loved by thee in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

or this

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

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against thee

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Deacon says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Laying on of Hands

Celebrant: Savior of the world, by thy cross and precious blood thou hast redeemed us;

People: Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Holy Scripture teaches us that Jesus healed many who were sick as a sign of the reign of God come near, and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing through prayer in his name, that the afflicted might be raised up and their sins forgiven, bringing them to eternal salvation. By laying hands upon the sick and anointing them, the disciples witnessed to the marvelous power and presence of God. Pray that as we follow their example, we may experience Christ's unfailing love.

The Celebrant invites those who desire anointing to come forward.

The Celebrant says the following blessing.

The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

The minister then lays hands upon each person and prays a prayer of healing.

The People exchange the peace

The Peace

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

People: And with thy Spirit.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Deacon and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Here may be added

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Litany of the Consecrated Gifts

The people kneel or stand.

Deacon: We give thanks to thee, O God, for all things good and beneficial to our bodies and souls;

People: We thank thee, O God.

Deacon: For the Body and Blood of Christ, set here before us;

People: We thank thee, O God.

Deacon: That thou hast brought us to this altar;

People: We thank thee, O God.

Deacon: That thy eternal Word was made flesh for us;

People: We thank thee, O God.

Deacon: For Christ's life and ministry, death and resurrection;

People: We thank thee, O God.

Deacon: That thou whilst fill our lives with grace and grant us the gift of the Holy Spirit;

People: We thank thee, O God.

Deacon: That through this Sacrament thou whilst grant us a pledge of our eternal inheritance;

People: We thank thee, O God.

Deacon: We pray, therefore, in the words our Savior Christ has taught us.

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 following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here

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.

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

The Celebrant may say the following Invitation.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Deacon, may dismiss the people with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



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