

**ST. PETERS – WORSHIP SCRIPT**  
**+ DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR MODIFIED, 203-212 LSB +**  
**September 5, 2021 10:45 AM**

**PRELUDE** “Jubilate Deo” Edward H. Wetherill

**WELCOME AND GREETING**

**OPENING HYMN** “Lord, Open Now My Heart To Hear” LSB #908

**Lord, open now my heart to hear, And through Your Word to me draw near;  
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain; Let me Your child and heir remain.**

**Your Word inspires my heart within; Your Word grants healing from my sin;  
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless; Your Word brings peace and happiness.**

**To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Shall glory, praise, and honor be Now and throughout eternity. Amen**

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**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:

**C: “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”**

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority as if the Lord Jesus were standing before you and speaking these words, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

**PSALM (146:1-10) OF THE DAY** *(The Lord and Maker of all things reigns!)*

P: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

**C: Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.**

P: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God.

**C: He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— he remains faithful forever.**

P: He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.

**C: The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.**

P: The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**KYRIE** *(Sing) (Lord, Have Mercy)*

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *(Sing) (Glory to God in the Highest)*

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing-  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heart-felt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high-**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "A-men" our glad reply.**

## **SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Please be seated)**

**OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 35:4-7a** *(Our God comes to save. Be strong in faith.)*

**4** Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." **5** Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. **6** Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. **7** The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE James 2:1-10, 14-18** *(Turn to true and active faith.)*

**1** My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. **2** Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. **3** If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," **4** have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

**5** Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? **6** But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? **7** Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong? **8** If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. **9** But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. **10** For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

**14** What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? **15** Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. **16** If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? **17** In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. **18** But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA and VERSE** *(Stand and Sing)*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe  
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL Mark 7:31-37** *(With just one word Jesus transforms a man's life.)*

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**31** Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. **32** There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. **33** After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. **34** He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). **35** At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. **36** Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. **37** People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth  
And of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
The only-begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
Very God of very God,  
Begotten, not made,  
Being of one substance with the Father;  
By whom all things were made;**

**Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
And was made man;  
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate,  
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
And ascended into heaven**

**And sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
Whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The Lord and giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
Who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead  
And the life of the world to come. Amen. *(Please be seated)***

**HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now!” LSB #902**

**Lord Jesus Christ, be present now; Our hearts in true devotion bow.  
Your Spirit send with light divine, And let Your truth within us shine.**

**Unseal our lips to sing Your praise In endless hymns through all our days.  
Increase our faith and light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.**

**Then shall we join the hosts that cry, “O holy, holy Lord Most High!”  
And in the light of that blest place We then shall see You face to face.**

**All glory to the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise throughout eternity! Amen.**

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**SERMON** “With Jesus We See the SAVIOR, the SIGHING, and the SUCCESS”  
**Mark 7:31-37**  
*(Sermon outline on the back of today’s bulletin)*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD’S PRAYER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING** *(As joyful givers, we clap for the offering)*

**OFFERING MUSIC** “Celestial Choir” F. Chopin Op. 37, No. 1

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” LSB #918**

**Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me til I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell’s destruction, Land me safe on Canaan’s side,  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.**

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**POSTLUDE “Dedication” Thomas Chesterton**

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**HAVE A JOYFUL LORD’S DAY OF SERVICE AND PRAISE!**