The Parish of St. Peter (Upper Gullies)

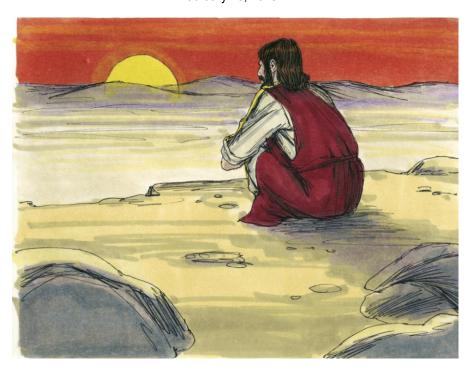
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"You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church." Matthew 16-18

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 18, 2018



Who am I? What can I do?

Diocesan Bishop: Rector: Interim Administrator Parish Deacon: Organist/Choir Director Parish Wardens Office Administrator: The Right Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Peddle
The Reverend Jean Smith (On Leave)
The Reverend Irving Letto
The Reverend Dr. Bonnie Morgan (On Leave)
Andrea Powell
Ralph Drover and Robert Hilliard
Jack Morgan

8:30am Book of Common Prayer: 10:30am Book of Alternative Services

LECTIONARY: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-(10)9 (BCP p358; BAS p733); 1 Peter 3:18-22; Matthew 4:1-11

COLLECT Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name. Amen.

HYMNS FOR 10:30 SERVICE

Opening: (#607) Come, Let Us to the Lord Our God

Gradual: (#175) Forty Days and Forty Nights

Youth Choir: Heart to Change the World
Offering: (#503) Fight the Good Fight
Communion: (Choir) I Need Thee Every Hour

Closing: (#532) What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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Today's Short Message

"Lord, teach us to pray!" In the gospels we see Jesus at prayer several times. Last Sunday we read about him in prayer on a mountain when he was transfigured. As we get close to Good Friday we will see him praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. Luke says that he prayed so intensely that "his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground" (22:44)" His baptism was another prayer experience when he heard God say, "You are my Son, the Beloved. With you I am well pleased."

"Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown." (Shakespeare's *Hamlet*) Jesus's baptism was a type of coronation experience. It was followed

immediately by forty days of prayer in the desert where he pondered over what it would mean to be the "Son of God."

In our baptism each of us is affirmed as "a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven" (*Cathechism*, *BCP p544*). I invite you to use this Lent as a time to pray about what this means for you? We can begin by listening to Joe Wise sing, "Lord, Teach Us to Pray."

It's been a long and cold December kind of day,
With our hearts and hands all busy
In our private little wars
We stand and watch each other now from separate shores,
...We lose the way

I need to know today the way things should be in my head, I need to know for once now, the things that should be said, I've got to learn to walk around as if I were not dead, I've got to find a way to learn to live ...

I stand so safe and sterile as I watch a man fall flat, I'm silent with the man who'd like to show just were I'm at, With the aged and the lonely, I can barely tip my hat, I need to see the sin of I don't care ...

I stand so smug and sure before the people I've outguessed, To let a man be who he is I still see as a test, And when it all comes down to "must" I'm sure my way is best, I've got to find what "Room" means in my heart ...

I mouth so many things ... take a little time to weigh, I've let it all slip by in the sweep of yesterday, I can't believe you mean it all to grace me on my way, I've got to find a way to really live ...

Lord teach us to pray, We still believe that we can find a better way, Teach us to pray ... We lose the way ... Teach us to pray.

Joe Wise is a writer, painter and singer music is sung all over the world. He and his wife life his wife now live in Arizona and give retreats and workshops using journaling and visual journaling as a primary tool in spiritual awareness. (Source: GIA Publications Website)

Some Ways We Serve Others



Delia-Andrea Tiul Chub

Delia is 8 years old. She lives in Guatemala and has 6 brothers and sisters. Her family is very poor. St. Peter's ACW sends money every year to help her and her family.



Cristian Emanuel Suy Sol

Cristian is 15 years old. He lives in Guatemala. His family is very poor. St. Peter's MSC sends money every year to help him and his family.



Dennis Morgan (center) was one of a 14 members mission team who travelled to Guatemala in 2008 to build houses and assist students at the Mission School in Parramous, Guatemala