

LENT 2007

**St. Peter's  
Episcopal Church**



# Lenten Devotional 2007

Thursday after Ash Wednesday, February 22

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your Holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*Amen*

Lessons Psalm 1 Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Luke 9:18-25

Upon reading both the Old and New Testament passages for today, I found that our Lord has made it strikingly clear about what He wants and expects from us: to obey His commands, to follow Him, to put Him at the center of our lives. He wants our total allegiance, and when we give Him that, we will truly gain everything we need; the fullness of the life He has promised for us. How wonderful. And, how very hard without His grace.

I once heard it said, "Jesus is the one in whom the fullness of divinity dwells." I have never forgotten the profoundness of that statement, and its meaning for my life. To me, it sums up the entire Christian religion in one statement, and why, with the grace of God helping me along day by day, I choose to continue to try and live the Christian life. Because even though I struggle sometimes to put aside my own selfish desires and wants, and my own way of doing things, in the end I know in my heart that I do make a sincere effort to follow my Lord's commands and keep close to Him, because, "Jesus is the one in whom the fullness of divinity dwells." And in knowing that, and as He says in Deuteronomy, "I have chosen life."

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