



# Grace Episcopal Church

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2024

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Prière du Matin (Morning Prayer) – J. Jongen*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #51 *(In the Blue Hymnal)*

*We the Lord's people*



1 We the Lord's peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who  
 2 This is the Lord's house, home of all his peo - ple, school for the  
 3 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of cre -  
 4 In the Lord's ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ may



called us out of sin and dark - ness in - to his own light,  
 faith - ful, ref - uge for the sin - ner, rest for the pil - grim,  
 a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the Spi - rit,  
 take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his peo - ple,



that he might a - noint us a roy - al priest-hood.  
 ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.  
 sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.  
 his own life im - par - ting, food ev - er - last - ing.

## 355 OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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

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.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(Sung by All)

*Organ* *Unison Voices*

Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King,  
al - migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
*slower* Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:  
have mer-cy up-on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand  
*a tempo* of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For you a - lone  
are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi - rit,  
in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15*

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation

of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

- The Word of the Lord      **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 78:23-29** *Responsively by whole verse)*

<sup>23</sup> So he commanded the clouds above  
and opened the doors of heaven.

**<sup>24</sup> He rained down manna upon them to eat  
and gave them grain from heaven.**

<sup>25</sup> So mortals ate the bread of angels;  
he provided for them food enough.

**<sup>26</sup> He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens  
and led out the south wind by his might.**

<sup>27</sup> He rained down flesh upon them like  
dust  
and winged birds like the sand of the sea.

**<sup>28</sup> He let it fall in the midst of their camp  
and round about their dwellings.**

**<sup>29</sup> So they ate and were well filled,  
for he gave them what they craved.**

**THE EPISTLE**

*Ephesians 4:1-16*

*Lector*    A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

- The Word of the Lord      **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

SEQUENCE HYMN #309 (vv. 1-2) (In the Blue Hymnal)

*O Food to pilgrims given*



1 O Food to pil - grims giv - en, O Bread of life from  
2 O stream of love past tell - ing, O pur - est foun-tain  
3 O Je - sus, by thee bid - den, we here a - dore thee,  
hea - ven, O Man-na from on high! We  
well - ing from out the Sa - vior's side! We  
hid - den in forms of bread and wine. Grant  
hun - ger; Lord, sup - ply us, nor thy de - lights de -  
faint with thirst; re - vive us, of thine a - bun - dance  
when the veil is riv - en, we may be - hold, in  
ny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.  
give us, and all we need pro - vide.  
hea - ven, thy coun - te - nance di - vine.

THE GOSPEL

*John 6:24-35*

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

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

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

-- The Gospel of the Lord *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

(Please be seated)

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Edward Kelaher, Rector

358 THE NICENE CREED (All Standing)

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.

387 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III AND CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

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

*Silence*

We pray for all who are traveling, especially **Cameron** Klass, **Julia** Klass, **Josey** Parker, and **Cole** Riggan, and those with special needs:

**Clyde** Smith, **Lou** Adkins, **Mark** Adkins, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **Paul** Batson, **Sissy** Bolstad, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Susan** Branscomb, **Lynne** Broch, **Gayle** Burke, **Seraphina** Byers, **Jean** Campbell, **Lynne** Cleckley, **John** Clippard, **Joan** Clodfelter, **Linda** Clodfelter, **Morgan** Curia, **Dan** DiRenzo, **Susan** Dixon, **Kim** Dube, **Renee** Ewbank, **Jenny** Gallen, **Shana** Garland, **Jane** Grimes, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Chris** Hodges, **Jahiya** Huntley, **Nancy** Hutchins, **Alisa** Johnson, **Andrew** Jones, **Chris** Kearley, **Brian** Kent, **Cara** Lee, **Warren** MacKinstry, **Debbie** Mason, **Martha & Drew** Mayse, **Kate** McKenzie, **Charles** McNeair, **Phil** Mickey, **Roan** Mitchell, **Dan & Fran** Moore, **Chocolate** Myers, **Howard** Palmer, **Fred** Pfohl, **Thomas** Pierce, **Gabby** Plott, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Melissa** Routh, **Christine** Ryals, **Lucas** Sanabria, **Lynn** Santolla, **Suzy** Sheets, **Patty** Short, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Dennis** Terrell, **Jackie** Touchton, **Brenda** Tyndall, **Perry** Grimes Van Dyke, **Flynn** Williams, **Mary & Jay** Williams, **Paul** Wylie, and **Charlotte** Young.

“Are there others?” Hear us, Lord; *For your mercy is great.*

*Celebrant*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God, 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Please stand if you are able*

### 360 THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY      *Schmücke dich (Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness) – J. Brahms*

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS DOXOLOGY      *-Lasst uns erfreuen*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### 361 THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer A*)

*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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

### SANCTUS #S127 (*Front section of Blue Hymnal - Sung by All*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,\_\_\_

hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san-na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_

*The people may stand or kneel*

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:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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 hath taught us, we are bold to say,

364	<b>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</b>	<b>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.</b>
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## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## **INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

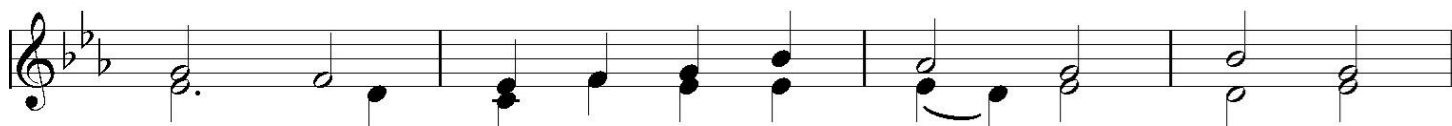
*Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward for Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. You may receive both the bread and wine, or only the bread or only the wine. Receiving Communion in one or both forms is sufficient sacramentally. If you prefer neither bread nor wine, you also are invited to come forward and to simply cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the minister to provide you with a holy blessing of the Lord.*

*During Holy Communion, if you are unable to receive communion at the altar rail, please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.*

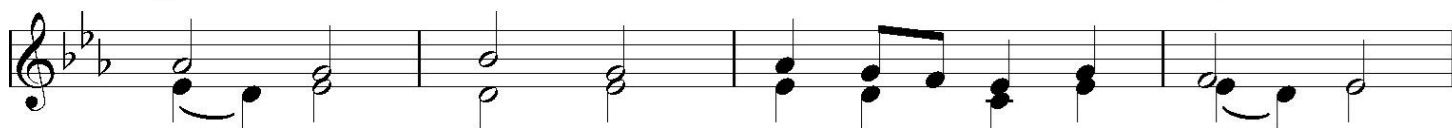




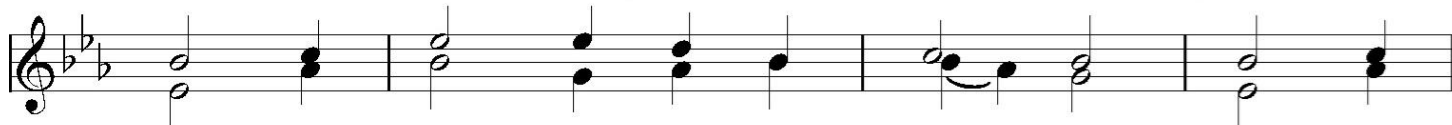
1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the  
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who  
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me



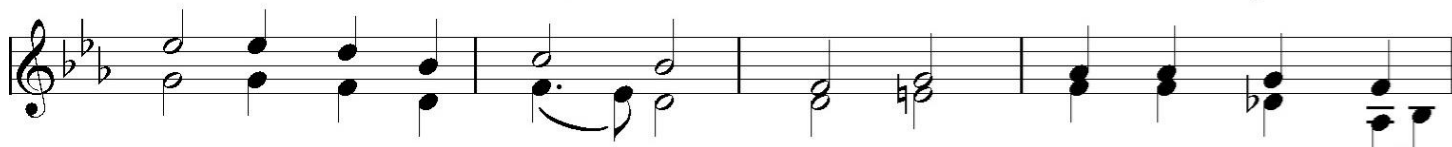
gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's  
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 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -



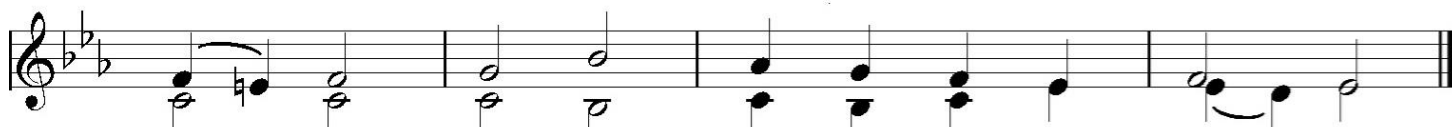
splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der  
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth;  
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;



un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this  
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me  
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how



won-drous ban-quet found - ed— high o'er all the heavens he  
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from  
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost



reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.  
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.  
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

## 365 POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 BLESSING

God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

### DISMISSAL HYMN #522 *(In the Blue Hymnal)*

*Glorious things of thee are spoken*



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty  
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -  
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and  
4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -



of our God; he whose word can - not be  
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and  
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a  
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -



bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;  
daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.  
cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.



on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy  
Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their  
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and  
'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to



sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -  
thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the  
shade by day, safe they feed up - on the  
reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn



round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.  
man - na which he gives them when they pray.  
prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

*Fond D'Orgue (Foundation Sounds) – L. Marchand*

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God  
by Joan Clodfelter  
in loving memory of of Becky Clodfelter  
and in celebration of the birthdays of  
Jack Clodfelter, Ben Clodfelter, and Palmer Holton.*

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

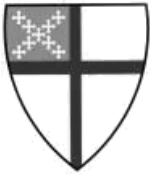
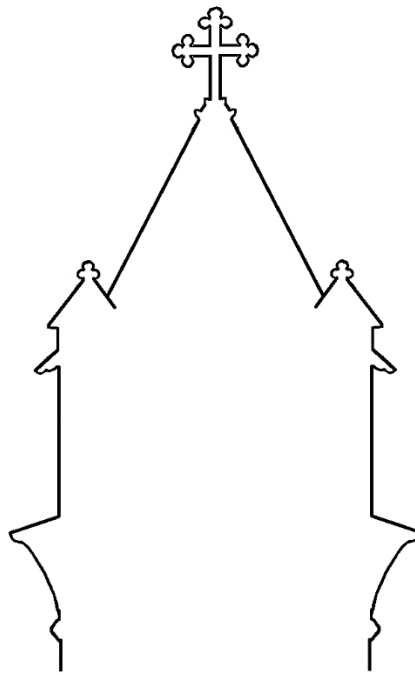
<b>Lector:</b>	Judie Reed
<b>Intercessor:</b>	Melissa Helms
<b>Lay Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Pam Harvey, Kathie Goodman
<b>Ushers:</b>	Wes Allred, Chandler Allred
<b>Greeter:</b>	Frances Garner
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Merritt Carter

## WELCOME GUESTS AND NEWCOMERS!

We are delighted to have you worship with us today, and we would welcome the opportunity to get acquainted. Please sign the Guest Book in the narthex and join us immediately following the service in the Parish Hall (in the building next door) for refreshments and conversation. **Today our host is Frances Garner.**

Infants and young children are always welcome to worship with their families in the sanctuary. The restrooms are located in the rear hallway, and diaper-changing stations are provided in both rooms.

**During Holy Communion**, if you are unable to receive communion at the altar rail, please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.



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Kathy Johnson, Christian Education Director  
Maureen Tincher, Parish Administrator  
John Taylor, Facilities Manager

### THE VESTRY

2025

Wes Allred Sr. Warden  
Thompson Miller Asst. Treasurer  
Marjorie Parker Jr. Warden  
Marilyn Taylor  
Lynn Meeks Treasurer (Ex-Officio)

2026

Karl Bolstad  
Bright Carter  
Sally Dodd Clerk  
Henry Duquette Asst. Jr. Warden

2027

Dan Briggs  
Melissa Helms  
Mary Matthews  
Leslie Sheets

The Vestry Person of the Month for August is Leslie Sheets.