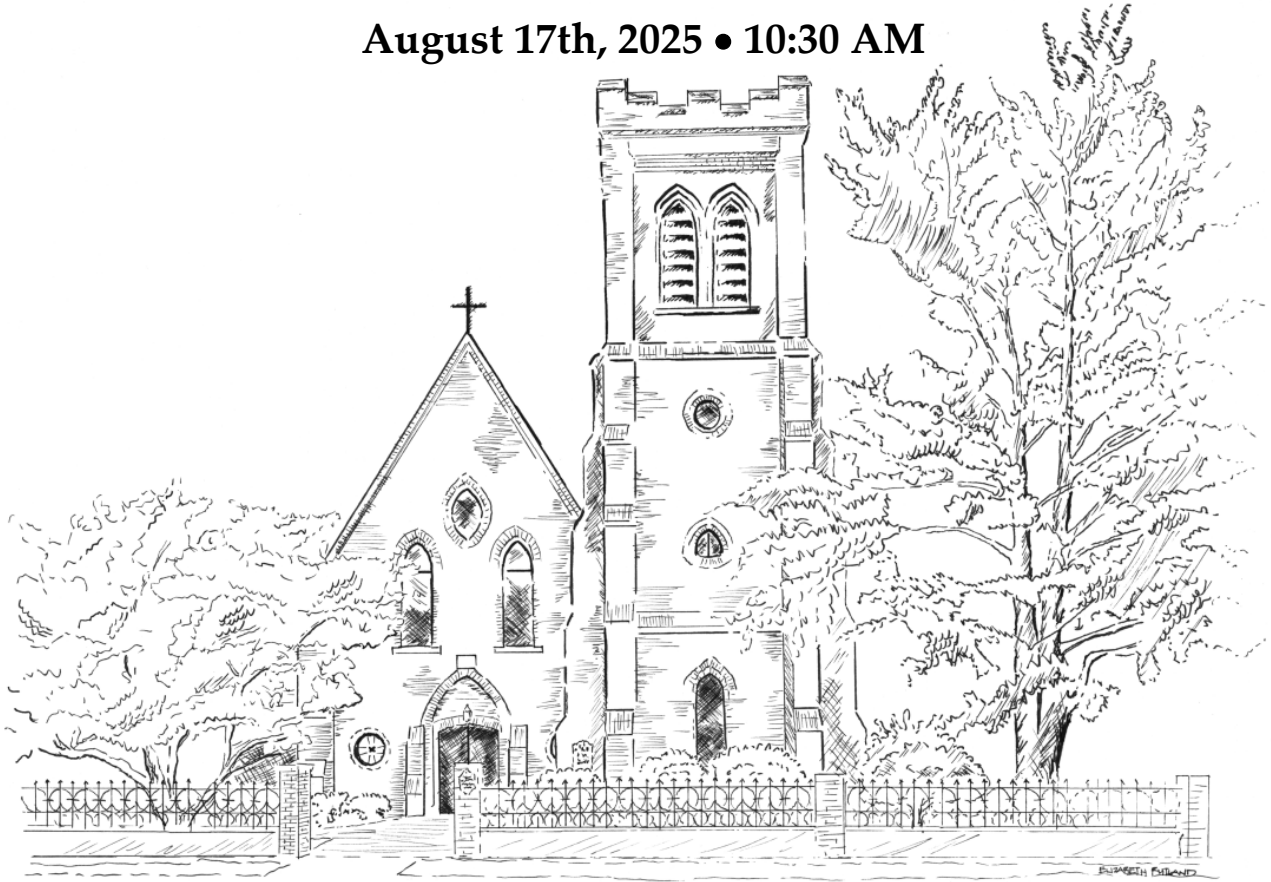


TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO
August 17th, 2025 • 10:30 AM



Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

St. Stephen's is a community of people made more complete by the grace of a perfect God, who proclaim the Gospel by sharing the reconciling love of Christ with others through redeeming acts of hospitality, forgiveness, justice, and peace.

VOLUNTARY

Hymn Medley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Headen

HYMN 574

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

St. Petersburg

Please stand as you are able

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.**

Elementary aged children are welcomed to join Ms. Laurie for a Bible Lesson in the Godly Play room

Gloria S 280

Please remain standing



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please kneel or stand as able

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Please be seated

The First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Let us stand and read Psalm 80 responsively by whole verse.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

You prepared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea and its branches to the River.

Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

**The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

**They burn it with fire like rubbish;
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.**

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

**And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Please be seated

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 636

How firm a foundation

Foundation

Please stand as able

Please remain standing

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*Jezi di, "Mwen vini pou mwen pote dife sou tè a, e kòm mwen swete li te deja limen!
Mwen gen yon batèm pou mwen batize, e ki stres mwen anba jiska li fin fèt! Èske ou
panse mwen vini pou mwen pote lapè sou tè a? Non, mwen di ou, men pito divizyon!
Depi kounye a, senk nan yon kay ap divize, twa kont de ak de kont twa; y ap divize:*

*papa kont pitit ak pitit kont papa,
manman kont pitit fi ak pitit fi kont manman,
bèl-mè kont bèl-fiy ak bèl-fiy kont bèl-mè.*

*Li te di tou sa bay foul la, "Lè nou wè yon nwaj ki leve nan lwès la, nou imedyatman di,
'Li ap lapli'; e konsa li fèt. E lè nou wè van sid la ap soufle, nou di, 'Ap gen chalè ki
bouskilé'; e li fèt. Nou ipokrit! Nou konnen kijan pou entèprete aparans tè a ak syèl la,
men poukisa nou pa konnen kijan pou entèprete moman sa a?"*

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. David Wyly

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able

**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 of 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 worshipped 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III

Please kneel or stand as able

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, especially those on our Parish Prayer list: Peggy Musser, Linda Edsall-Huard, Ray Harris, Randy Anderson, Debby Hickey, Geoff Hulse, Marguerite Pennington, Marjorie Snyder, Betsy Toomey, and John Wolfe.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Ed Futch.
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.

Gracious and loving God, guide the hearts and minds of those among us who will search for a new bishop to lead the Diocese of East Carolina, that we may listen carefully to discern your will and call a bishop who will love and serve your people in all the communities of this diocese and lead us forward in new ways in our ministries and service to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.**

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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.**

THE PEACE

Please stand as you are able

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

People: And also with you.

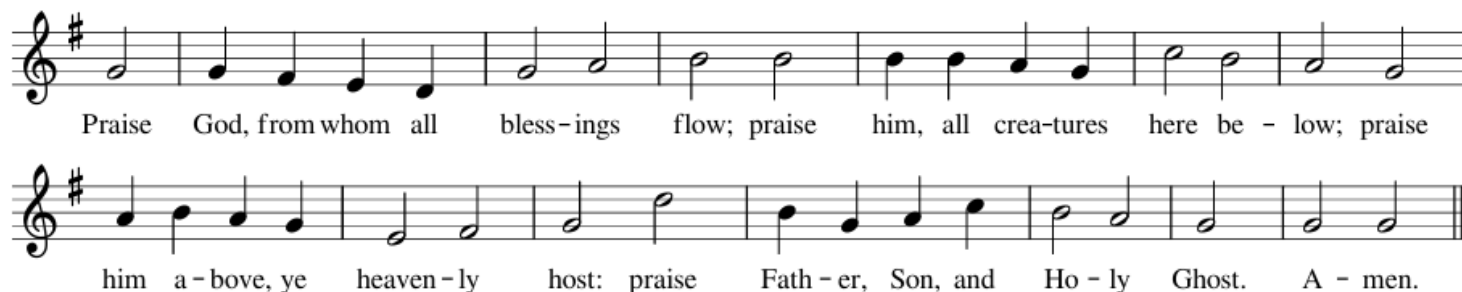
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DOXOLOGY

Please stand as able



THE HOLY COMMUNION

The People remain standing

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

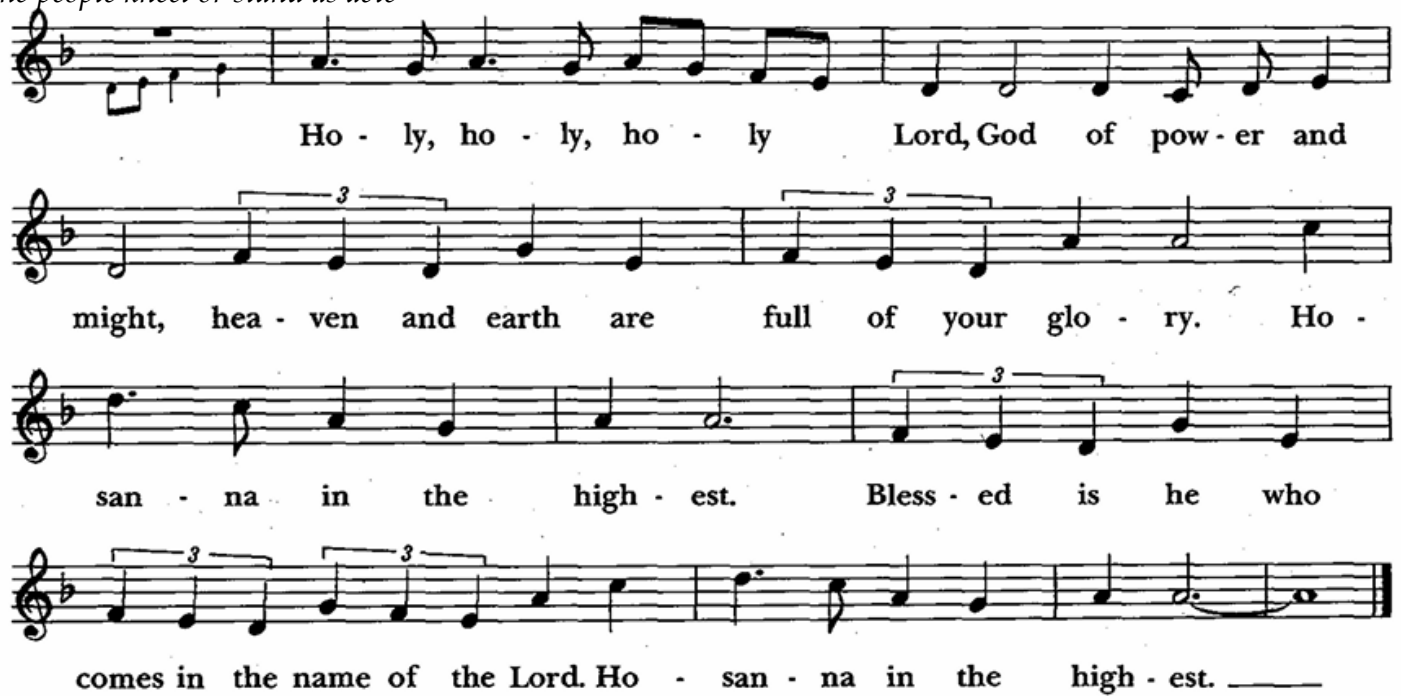
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.

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 S 129

The people kneel or stand as able



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 musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are triplets marked with a '3' over the notes for 'san - na' and 'Ho - san - na'.

Then the Celebrant continues:

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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.

The Celebrant continues

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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

**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.**

*Papa nou ki nan syèl la,
se pou non ou sen
wayòm ou an vini,
volonte ou fèt
sou tè a menm jan li ye nan syèl la.
Ban nou jòdi a pen nou chak jou
Epi padonnen fot nou yo,
menm jan nou
padonnen moun k'ap fè sa nou yo.
E pa lage nou nan tantasyon,
men deliver nou anba sa ki mal.
Pou ou se wayòm nan,
ak pouvwa a, ak tout bel pouvwa a
pou tout tan ak pou tout tan. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Then a period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM S 169

Cantor or Choir
My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -
deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them. My
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward at the appropriate time. You may receive both the bread and wine, one or the other, come forward for a blessing, or remain seated.

Tout kretyen ki batize yo, kèlkeswa denominasyon oswa laj yo, yo akeyi yo resevwa Sentepri Kominyon. Tanpri vini pi devan nan moman apwopriye a. Ou ka resevwa ni pen an ni diven, youn oubyen lòt, vin devan pou yon benediksyon, oswa rete chita.

HYMN 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

Houston

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

BLESSING

HYMN 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

Please stand as able

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the celebrant, dismisses them with these words:

Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY Improvisation on Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Kelli Tingen

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant: The Rev. David Wyly

Usher: Jamie Stanley

Eucharistic Visitors: Michael Headen & Nancy Delia

Pianist: Kelli Tingen

Livestream Technician: James Ruggles

*The flowers on the altar are in honor of Nicole's birthday by her family
Aimee, Langley, Trey, & Donnie.*

Prayer Requests

If you would like to leave a prayer request or a praise report please write them in the space provided, tear this page out of your bulletin, and leave it on the table in the back of the church. Our Clergy and Prayer Team will be delighted to pray for you!



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