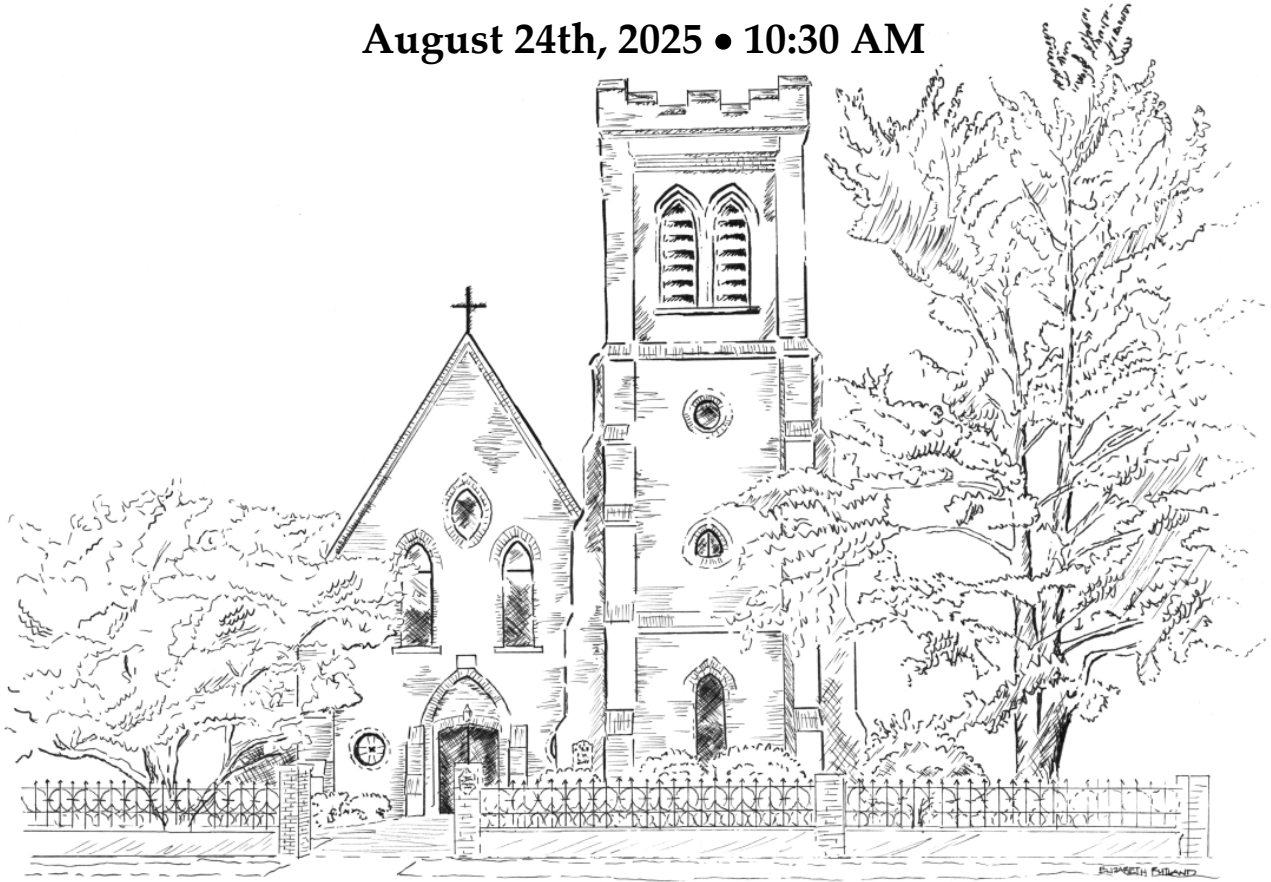


ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

August 24th, 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

Andante tranquillo from *Sonata III*

Felix Mendelssohn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ashley Fleming

HYMN 368

Holy Father, great Creator

Regent Square

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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Please be seated

The First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah:

The word of the Lord came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you,
Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Let us stand and read Psalm 71 responsively by whole verse.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.

**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

For you are my hope, O Lord God,
my confidence since I was young.

**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.**

**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 12:18-29

Please be seated

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken, that is, created things, so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 567

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

St. Matthew

Please stand as able

The Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

Please remain standing

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Jou saba a, Jezi t ap anseye nan youn nan sinagòg yo. Lè sa a, yon fanm parèt. Move lespri l te gate l depi dizwitan. Li te koube, li pa t ka kanpe dwat ditou. Lè Jezi wè fanm nan, li rele l, li di l: "Madanm, ou delivre anba maladi w la." Jezi mete men l sou li. Menm lè a, fanm nan kanpe dwat, epi li kòmanse fè lwanj Bondye. Men, chèf sinagòg la te fache anpil dèskè Jezi te geri moun nan jou saba a. Li di foul la: "Gen sis jou pou moun travay; vini nan jou sa yo pou yo geri nou, pa jou saba." Senyè a reponn li: "Bann ipokrit! Èske se pa jou saba nou chak nou lage bèf nou oswa bourik nou nan kay k ap manje a, pou nou mennen l al ba l dlo? Se pa ta dwe fanm sa a, pitit fi Abraram nan, ke Satan mare pandan dizwitan, pou yo lage l anba esklavaj sa a jou saba?" Lè Jezi di sa, tout moun ki t ap konbat li yo te wont. Epi tout foul moun yo te kontan pou tout bèl bagay li t'ap fè yo.

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;
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.**

OFFERTORY

From Thee All Skill and Science Flow

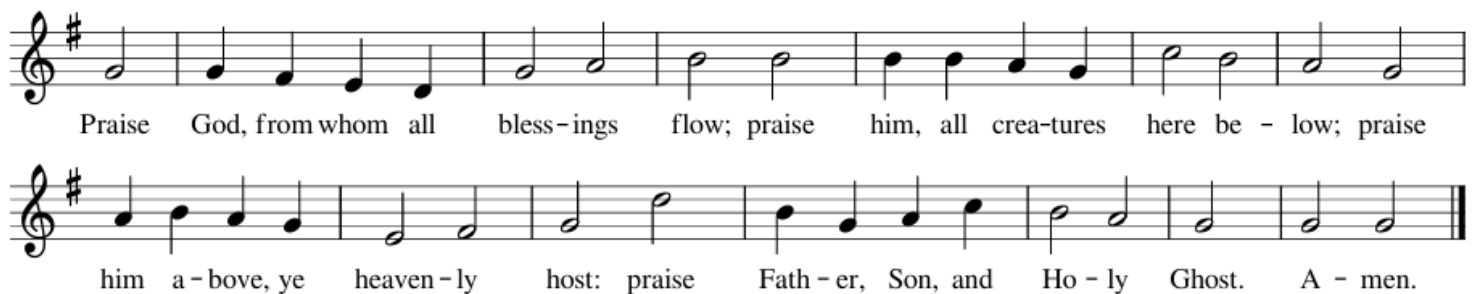
J.T. White

*From thee all skill and science flow, all pity, care, and love,
All calm and courage, faith and hope: O pour them from above!
Impart them, Lord, to each and all, as each and all shall need,
To rise, like incense, each to thee, in noble thought and deed.*

*And hasten, Lord, that perfect day when pain and death shall cease,
And thy just rule shall fill the earth with health and light and peace;
When everblue the sky shall gleam, and evergreen the sod,
And our rude work deface no more the handiwork of God.*
-Charles Kingsley

DOXOLOGY

Please stand as able



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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

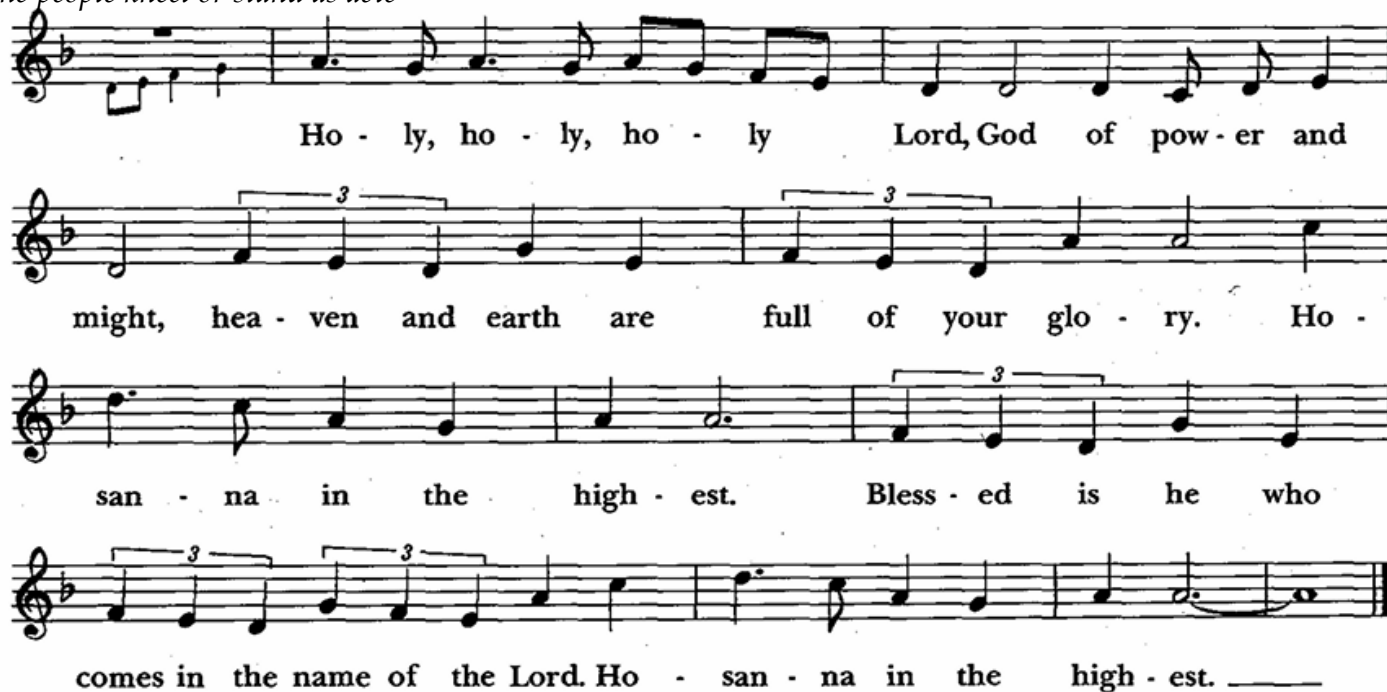
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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. _____

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 -

1 All 2 *Cantor or Choir*

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 Sentespri 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 685

Rock of ages, cleft for me

Toplady

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 334

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

Alles ist an Gottes Segen

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

Canzone, detta l'Albergona

Père Antonio Mortaro

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant: The Rev. David Wyly

Ushers: Geoff Hulse & David Ham

Eucharistic Visitors: Mike & Martie Saylors

Organist: Sean Dye

Livestream Technician: James Ruggles

The altar flowers are given by Linda Edsall-Huard to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the friendship with, & post surgery care from Judy Carpenter.

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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