# **HOLY EUCHARIST II**

# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

#### THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 19, 2025



# Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church!

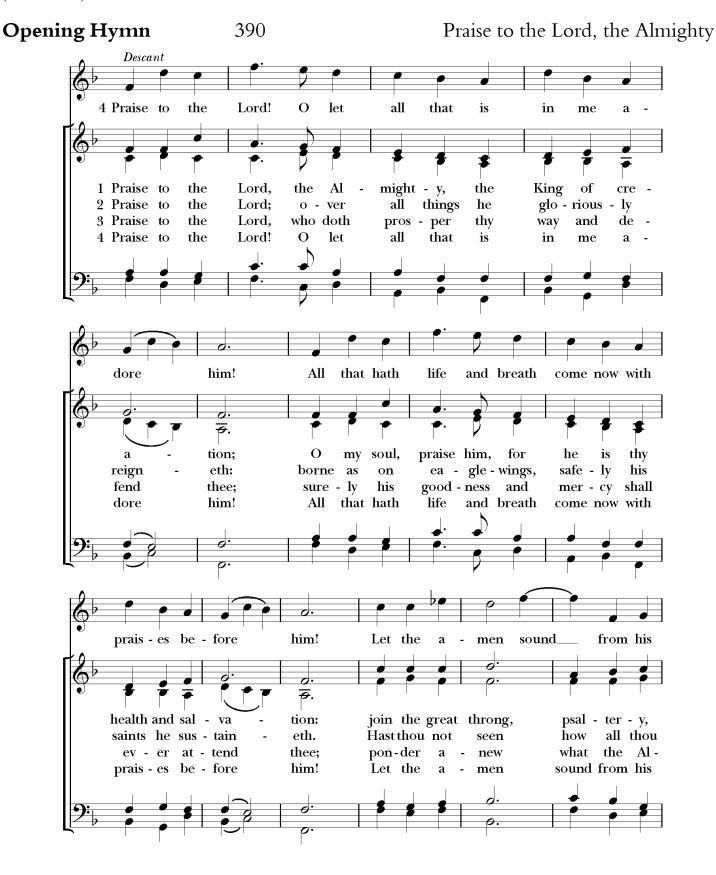
We join as a family of friends receiving Holy Communion every Sunday to empower ministry to our community. We are an inclusive fellowship – without exception. There is a place for you among us at Christ Church. Join with us. All the baptized are welcome to receive communion. Come to the altar rail for a blessing. Speak with the Priest to learn about being baptized.

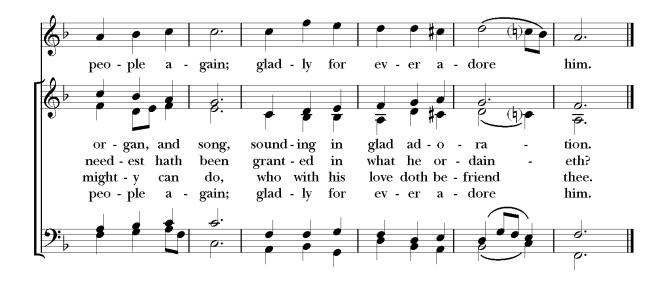
**For Health and Safety**: Dear Lord, Please fill our hearts this year with hope, our bodies with health and our lives with your peace. Give us your strength to keep going when life gets hard. Surround us with good people who have pure intentions. Lord, protect my family, friends and all who are reading this prayer. Amen.

About Holy Communion: We trust Christ to be truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized persons, children and adults, are welcomed to receive. Stand or kneel at the altar rail with palms extended to receive the wafer to dip into the cup of wine. If you would prefer a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to signal the Priest. (If you would like to learn more about being baptized, speak with Father Emanuel.)

Mission Statement – At Christ Episcopal Church we gather to worship, pray, sing, and share so together we may serve our community and the world.

**Voluntary** Variations on "Lobe den Herren" (Praise to the Lord) Jacques Berthier





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

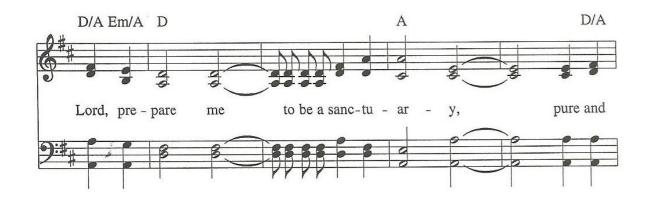
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

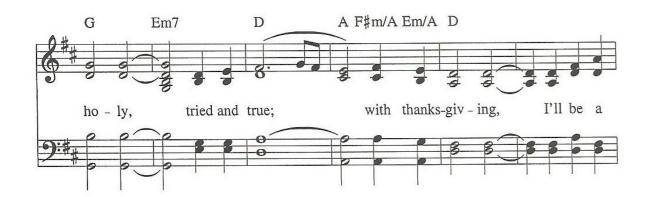
# **Collect for Purity**

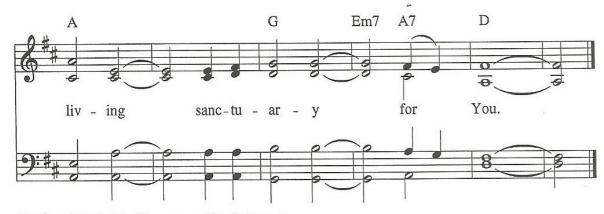
### Celebrant:

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*.









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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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*.

#### Announcements

### A Reading from Jeremiah 31:27-34

(Lector)

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer

shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Silence for reflection follows the reading.)



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#### Psalm 119:97-104

### Quomodo dilexi!

- 97 Oh, how I love your 'law! \* all the day long it is in my 'mind.
- 98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my 'enemies, \* and it is always 'with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my 'teachers, \* for your decrees are my 'study.
- 100 I am wiser than the 'elders, \* because I observe your com'mandments.
- 101 I restrain my feet from every evil 'way, \* that I may keep your 'word.

- 102 I do not shrink from your 'judgments, \* because you yourself have 'taught me.
- 103 How sweet are your words to my 'taste! \* they are sweeter than honey to my 'mouth.
- 104 Through your commandments I gain under'standing; \* therefore I hate every lying 'way.

(Silence for reflection follows the Psalm.)

### A Reading from 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

(Lector)

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Silence for reflection follows the reading.)



(Standing as able)

The Gospel Luke 18:1-8

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Sermon

(Several moments of silence for reflection follow the sermon.)

(Standing, as able.)

### The Nicene Creed

Minister: Let us rise to confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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.

# The Prayers of the People Form VI

(Silence)

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For the leaders of the nations and for Donald, our President; Henry, our Governor, and for all in authority in our community, that peace through compassionate justice prevail and our country remain hospitable, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord**, **hear our prayer**.

For prisoners, the addicted, victims of hunger, warfare, natural disasters, injustice, oppression, and violence; that they may be delivered from their distress.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; **For those who minister** to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Dame Sarah Mullally, our Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; and Dorsey, Andrew, and Frank, our Bishops retired; and Phil, our Priest; and other ministers; **For all who serve God in his Church**.

For those who are sick, in treatment, or recovery, especially Aaron Higgins, Lynn Blackmon\*, Vivian, David Hagins, Bob Arndt, Darlene McNaughton, Trudy Lott, Derek Montrose, Amanda Ford\*, John, Patrick Deaton, Kay Lamberton\*, Mildred Wilmont, Diane Hood, Nancy Port, Randy Horton, Tric Deaton\*, John Port, Fionna, Allen, Rebecca Bryson, Wayne, Amelia Davis, Tom Brown, Linda Brown, Mike Lamberton\*, Pam Giardiello\*, Earle Holmes\*, Aubrey Crawford\*, Father Bill Walters.

Silence

Hear us, Lord; For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Remembering those celebrating birthdays especially, David Ford and those celebrating anniversaries. We pray for The Ministry of Education Equals Hope in Ecuador. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord**, **hear our prayer**.

We pray for all who have died who rest in your loving embrace. (Names)

Just and Eternal God, Creator of All: Convince us to work earnestly so the earth remains habitable for present and future generations. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord**, **hear our prayer**.

Silence

We will exalt you and thank you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever**.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; Who put their trust in you.

# Confession & Absolution

Celebrant:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Silence)

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father: in your compassion; forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**.

(We stand as able.)

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of Christ.

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Sentence**: (Seated)

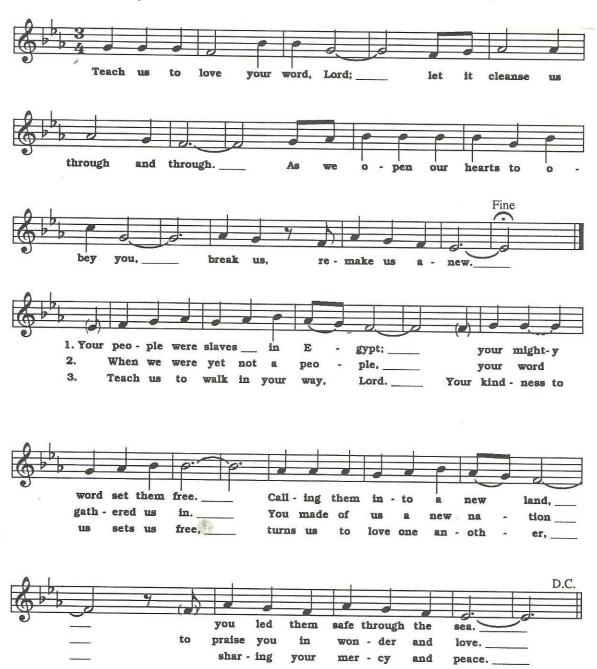
Celebrant: I ask you brothers and sisters, to offer your selves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God which is your true and proper worship. *Romans 12:1* 

# (Choir stands, Congregation may be seated, All sing.)

Hymn at the Offertory:

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Teach us to love your word, Lord



The refrain of this song may be used without the verses.

Jodi Page-Clark, Martha Barker Jodi Page-Clark

Music:

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(We stand as the offering is presented.)

The Presentation of the Offering

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing.

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.

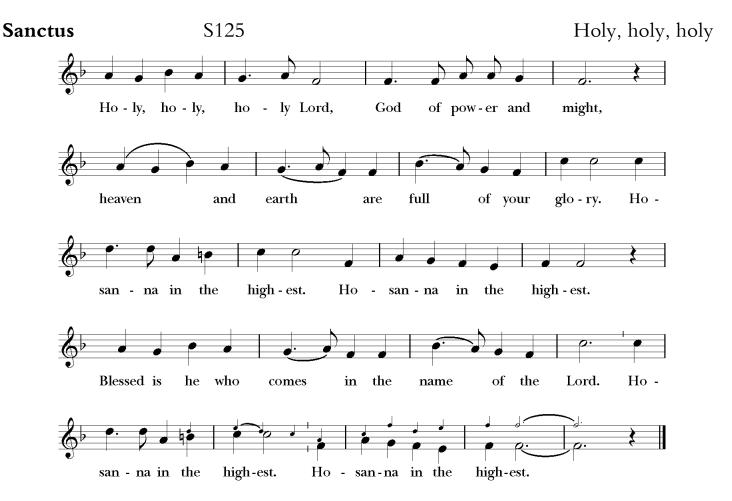
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:





#### Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father, we proclaim the mystery of faith:"

Celebrant and **People**:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mary Magdalene, Peter, Paul, Phoebe, Lydia, Andrew, Henry Martyn, Priest and Missionary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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**.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

### The Lord's Prayer

# Celebrant and **People**:

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.

### The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.





Celebrant: These are 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. Come for all is prepared.

# **Music During Communion**

(Standing or kneeling, as able.)

# **Post-Communion Prayer**

Celebrant and **People**:

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

Celebrant: May the Light of Christ fill your heart, soul, and mind that you, and all the world, be one in Him; and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen**.

#### The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

# **TODAY**

The flowers today are provided by Aubrey and Joan Crawford in memory of her Dad, Clarence Gill.

Fellowship/Discussion Group will not meet today.

Please contact the church office if you would like to provide snacks/beverages for fellowship time following the service on Sundays.

### THIS WEEK

Support Group meets Mondays 5:30 pm and Saturdays 8:30 am
Church/Nave is Reserved for Rehearsals every Saturday from 10:00 am-1:00 pm
Choir practice every Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

**Fellowship/Discussion Group** meets each Sunday in The Parish Place following the service.

# **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

October 26<sup>th</sup> – David Ford

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

2025 Pledge and Plate Budgeted: \$119,081.00

Pledge and Plate Received as of September 30, 2025: \$77,837.35

Pledge and Plate Budgeted as of September 30, 2025: \$89,310.78

### PARISH PRAYER LIST

(\* Denotes member) (**Please contact office to add/remove names**)

Aaron Higgins, Lynn Blackmon\*, Vivian, David Hagins, Bob Arndt, Darlene McNaughton, Trudy Lott, Derek Montrose, Amanda Ford\*, John, Patrick Deaton, Kay Lamberton\*, Mildred Wilmont, Diane Hood, Nancy Port, Randy Horton, Tric Deaton\*, John Port, Fionna, Allen, Rebecca Bryson, Wayne, Amelia Davis, Tom Brown, Linda Brown, Mike Lamberton\*, Pam Giardiello\*, Earle Holmes\*, Aubrey Crawford\*, Father Bill Walters

#### PARTICIPATING TODAY

|                  | COMMUNION  |            |               |           |         |          |             |
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|                  | ASSISTANT/ | ACOLYTE/   | USHERS/       |           | ALTAR   |          | VIDEO       |
| DATE             | CHALICE    | CRUCIFER   | GREETERS      | TELLERS   | GUILD   | LECTOR   | OPERATOR    |
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|                  |            |            | Mike Sistare, | Mike      |         |          |             |
|                  |            |            | Jake Wilson   | Sistare & | Mike &  |          |             |
| Sunday,          |            |            | & Melton      | Lynn      | Kathy   | Caroline | Linda Baker |
| October 19, 2025 | TBA        | Mary Bemis | Mayfield      | Blackimon | Sistare | Oliver   |             |

Priest: Phil Emanuel

Parish Musician: Dana Lee Walters

Security: Ernest Jenkins

#### PARTICIPANTS NEXT SUNDAY

|                  | COMMUNION       |            |               |            |         |           |
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|                  | ASSISTANT/      | ACOLYTE/   | USHERS/       |            | ALTAR   |           |
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|                  |                 |            |               |            |         |           |
|                  |                 |            | Mike Sistare, | Joan       |         |           |
|                  |                 |            | Jake Wilson   | Crawford   | Mike &  |           |
| Sunday,          |                 |            | & Melton      | & Pam      | Kathy   | Kay       |
| October 26, 2025 | Caroline Oliver | Mary Bemis | Mayfield      | Giardiello | Sistare | Lamberton |

**Father Emanuel** is available for conversation regarding matters of faith and life at a place of your choosing and at times by appointment. He may be reached via the following: orionrigelstar@gmail.com or 843–325–3362.

**SERMON**: The sermon is available upon request. Please contact the church office if you would like a copy.

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY**

HOPE: Shelf stable milk (store brand is fine,) grits, beef stew, mixed vegetables, sweet peas, jelly, boxed instant potatoes, juice (any type.) Please remember HOPE prefers plastic containers. Place your donated items in the shopping cart. Grocery bags are also needed. There are so many that are in need of basic food items. Linda Miller delivered 127 pounds of food to HOPE in September. Many thanks to Linda for heading this ministry.

**Ray's Backdoor Ministry**: Christ Church will continue to support the ongoing needs of this ministry. The cost to purchase items for the kits is approximately \$220 every other month. We assemble and deliver kits every other month as funds allow. This ministry is supported by individual contributions.

Cans for Kitties Project: Please remove labels and separate aluminum from steel cans, bag them and place them in the labeled green trash bin located beside the storage building behind the church. This ministry benefits our feline friends by providing spay/neuter services for cats.

**Sheltered of Lancaster**: Sheltered is a non-profit in Lancaster, SC with the goal of providing housing, showers, food and other needs for members of our community. Please contact Jamie Miller at 803–287–7443 if you would like to volunteer at one of their events. Christ Church supports this ministry by individual contributions.

### Henry Martyn, Priest and Missionary, 1812

#### Commemorated on October 19th



Henry Martyn, an English missionary and translator, died when he was only thirty-one years old. Though his life was brief, it was a remarkable one.

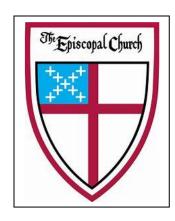
Martyn was educated at Cambridge. He had intended to become a lawyer, but Charles Simeon, the rector of Holy Trinity, Cambridge, inspired him to go to India as a

missionary. After serving as Simeon's curate for a short time, Martyn traveled to Calcutta in 1806 as chaplain of the East India Company.

During his five years in India, Martyn preached the gospel, organized private schools, and founded churches. In addition to his work as a missionary, Martyn translated the New Testament and the Book of Common Prayer into Hindi, which was a valuable missionary aid to the young Anglican Church in India. He also began the study of Persian, and translated the New Testament into that language as well.

Martyn longed to go to Persia, and in 1811, his persistence brought himto Shiraz, as the first English clergyman in that city. He engaged in theological discussions with learned Muslims and corrected his Persian translations of the New Testament. Martyn hoped eventually to visit Arabia and to translate the New Testament into Arabic.

While on his way to Constantinople in 1812, however, Martyn died in the Turkish city of Tokat. The Armenian Orthodox Christians of the city buried him with the honors usually accorded toone of their own bishops. Very soon afterwards, his life of energetic devotion and remarkable accomplishment became widely known. He is remembered as one of the founders of the modern Christian church in both India and Iran.



# Bishop of the Diocese of Upper S. C.

The Right Reverend Daniel P. Richards

#### **Priest**

The Reverend Philip G. Emanuel

#### Parish Musician

Dana Lee Walters

# **Digital Ministry**

Linda Baker and Wayne Johnson

# **Vestry Members**

Lynn Blackmon ('25), Joan Crawford ('26), Pam Giardiello ('27), Ernest Jenkins ('26), Mike Sistare ('25)

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| Linda Baker | Linda Baker |  |  |

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