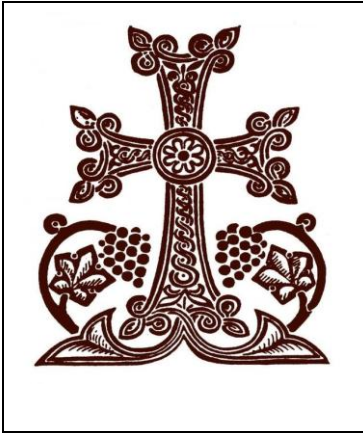


# HOLY COMMUNION

## CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 2026



***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 are welcome to receive communion. Speak with the Priest to learn about being baptized.*

**For Patience:** God, thank You for allowing me to experience trials and thank You for refining my faith by them. When I go through hard situations, please lead me away from hopelessness by giving me the strength to endure. Remind me of the joy set before me: the purification of my character and the hope of an eternity spent with You. Through Christ, my Lord. 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.***

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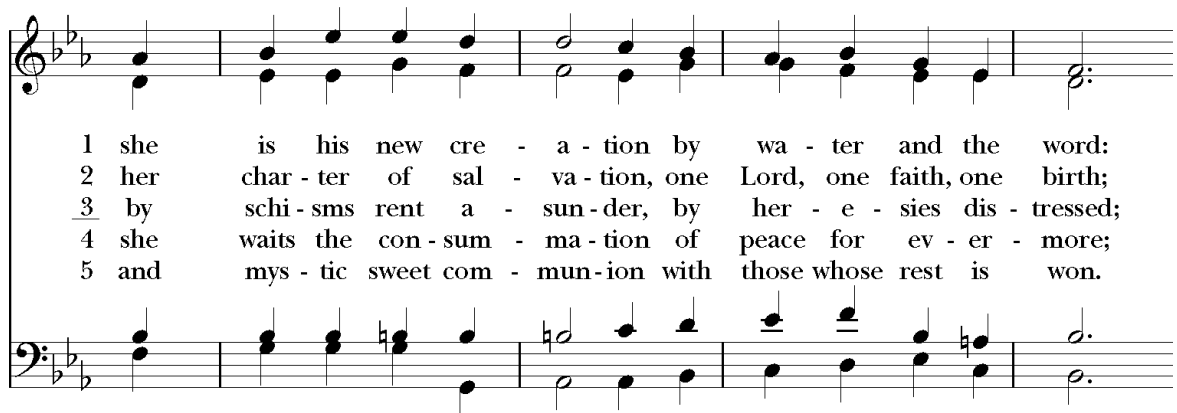
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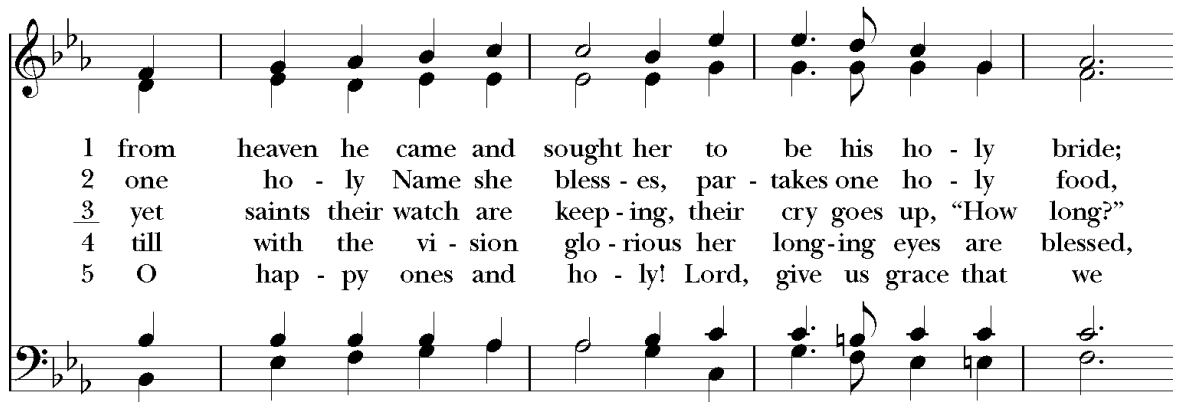
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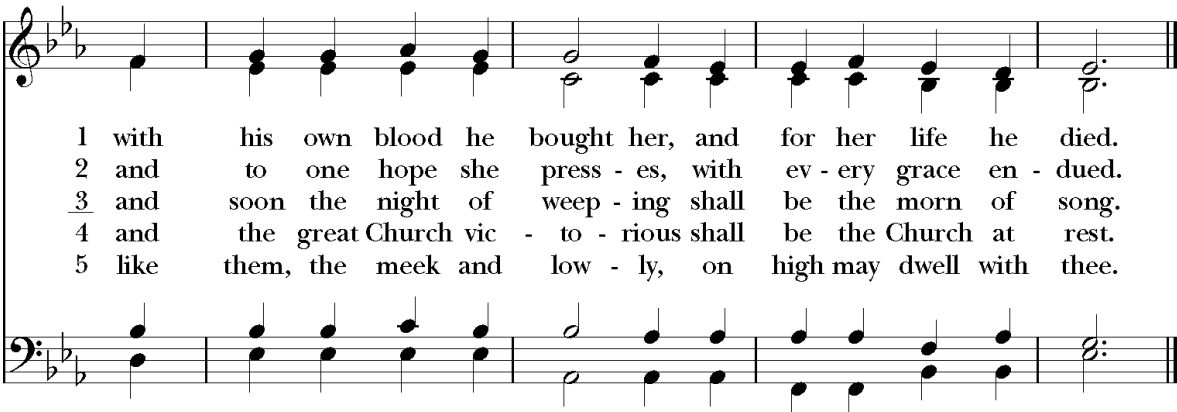
1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

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.**

### Song of Praise

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Day by day

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:  
to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,  
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system ends with a double bar line. The third system ends with a double bar line.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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 28:5–9**

*(Lector)*

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

*(Silence for reflection follows the reading.)*

**Psalm 89:1–4,15–18**      (*spoken responsively – all speak last verse*)

***Misericordias Domini***

1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; \*

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

**2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \***

**you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

**4 'I will establish your line for ever, \***

**and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! \*

they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

**16 They rejoice daily in your Name; \***

**they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

17 For you are the glory of their strength, \*

and by your favor our might is exalted.

**18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; \***

**the Holy One of Israel is our King.**

*(Silence for reflection follows the Psalm.)*

**A Reading from Romans 6:12–23**

*(Lector)*

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader:           The Word of the Lord.

**People:           Thanks be to God.**

*(Silence for reflection follows the reading.)*

(Standing as able)

Sequence Hymn

359

God of the prophets

1 God of the pro - phets, bless the pro - phets' heirs! E - li - jah's  
2 A - noint them pro - phets! Teach them thine in - tent: to hu - man  
3 A - noint them priests! help them to in - ter - cede with all thy  
\*4 A - noint them kings! Yea, king - ly kings, O Lord! A - noint them  
5 Make them a - pos - tles, her - alds of thy cross; forth may they

1 man - tle o'er E - li - sha cast: each age for thine own sol - emn  
2 need their quick - ened hearts a - wake; fill them with power, their lips make  
3 roy - al priest - hood born of grace; through them thy Church pre - sents in  
4 with the Spi - rit of thy Son: theirs not a mon - arch's crown or  
5 go to tell all realms thy grace: in - spired of thee, may they count

1 task pre - pares, make each one strong - er, no - bler than the last.  
2 el - o - quent for righteous - ness that shall all e - vil break.  
3 word and deed Christ's one true sac - ri - fice with thank - ful praise.  
4 ty - rant's sword; theirs by the love of Christ a king - dom won.  
5 all but loss, and stand at last with joy be - fore thy face.

The Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

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

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

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous;

and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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:* We rise to join in 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**

*(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 the homeless, 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 Sarah, 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 **Robert Horton\***, **Belinda, Raylan, Erin Gardner, Julie Bowers, Melissa McPherson, Debbie, Cathy, Amanda Ford\***, **John, Kay Lamberton\***, **Mildred Wilmot, Diane Hood, Tric**

**Deaton\***, **John Port**, **Fionna, Allen**, **Rebecca Bryson**, **Wayne**, **Amelia Davis**, **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, Melton Mayfield and those celebrating anniversaries. We pray for St. Paul's, Batesburg; St. Paul's, Fort Mill; and St. Paul's, Graniteville. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

May our land and the earth know the blessing of rain and water resources. Help us to be good stewards and do all we can to help all people and creatures access water.

Lord, in your mercy. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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 and give thanks to 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)*

**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.**

*(All stand.)*

### **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:**

Celebrant: I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your true and proper worship.

*Romans 12:1*

Hymn at the Offertory:

The Servant King

Graham Kendrick

1. From heav'n you came, help-less babe, en-tered our world, your

The first system of musical notation consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on the upper staff and a bass clef on the lower staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

glo - ry veiled; not to be served but to serve,

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

*Chorus*  
and give your life that we might live. This is our

The third system of musical notation includes a section labeled "Chorus" in italics above the staff. The melody and accompaniment continue. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

God, the Ser-vant King, he calls us now to fol - low

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the hymn. The melody and accompaniment continue. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

him, to bring our lives as a dai-ly of-fer - ing of wor-ship

To next verse

Last time

to the Ser- vant King. King.

2. There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn.  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.
3. Come see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space,  
to cruel nails surrendered.
4. So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives enthrone him;  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.

*(We stand as the offering is presented.)*

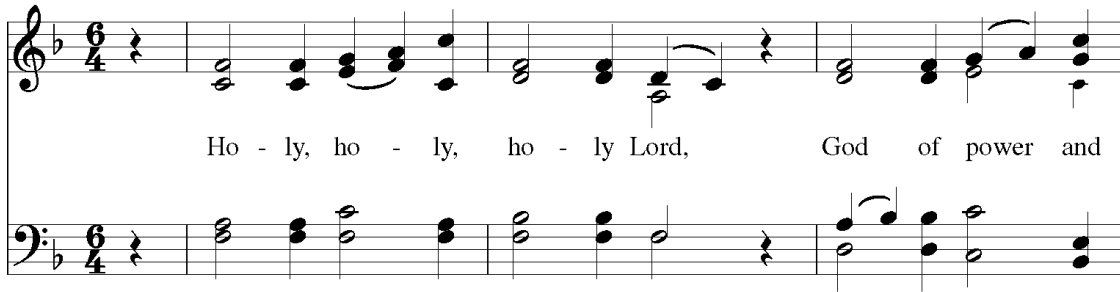
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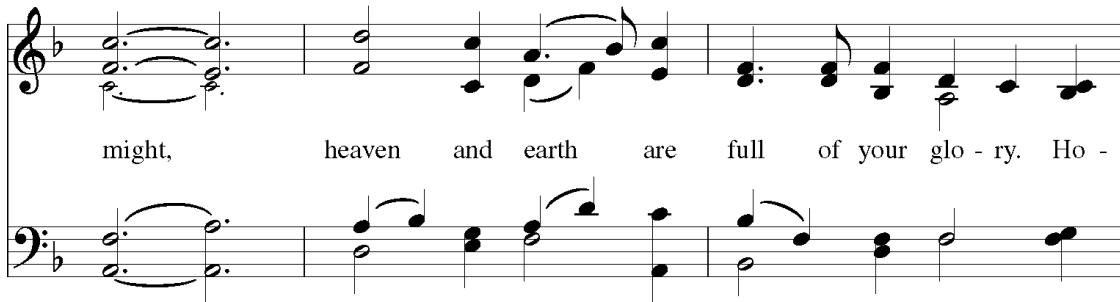
Sanctus

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Holy, holy, holy



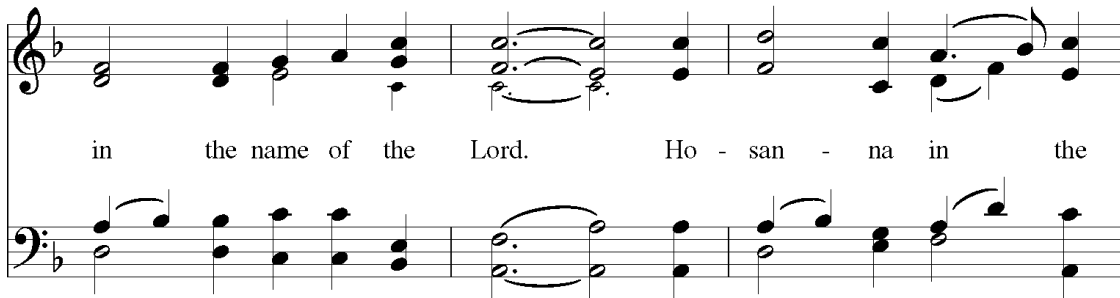
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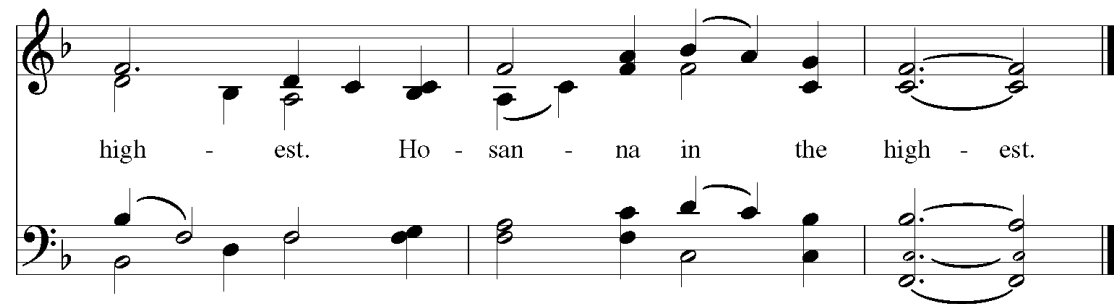
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes

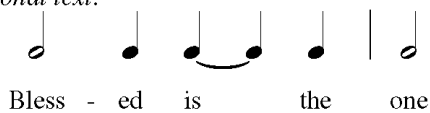


in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



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

*\*Optional text:*



Bless - ed is the one

*The people stand or kneel, as able.*

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, Andrew, John Eliot, James and John 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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.*

# Fraction Hymn

WLP 878

Who-ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and

who-ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

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:***

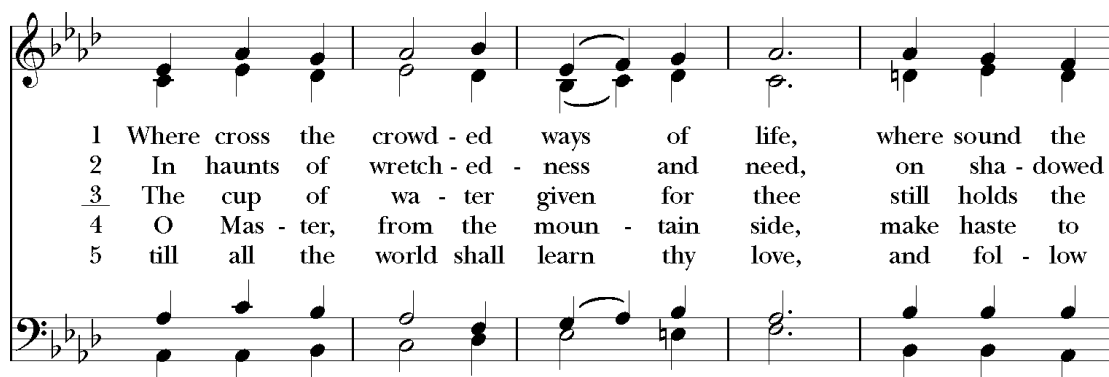
***Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, 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.*

## Hymn at the Closing

609

Where cross the crowded ways of life



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed  
3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the  
4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to  
5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low



1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -  
4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less  
5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy



1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.  
2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.  
3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.  
4 throgs a - bid, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;  
5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

## The Blessing

Celebrant: May the grace of God uphold you the peace of God surround you, the love of God flow from you; and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you now and always. ***Amen.***

## The Dismissal

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

***People: Thanks be to God.***

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## TODAY

**The flowers today are provided by Kathy Sistare in appreciation of Mike Sistare and his love and dedication to God, family and those who are blessed to call him friend.**

## THIS WEEK

**Fellowship/Discussion Group** meets each Monday at 4:00 pm.

**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.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July 1<sup>st</sup> – Melton Mayfield

## FINANCIAL REPORT

2026 Pledge and Plate Budgeted: \$100,000.00

Pledge and Plate Budgeted monthly: \$8,333.00

Pledge and Plate Received as of May 24, 2026: \$7,600.90

***This does not include any designated contributions such as EDUSC, HOPE, Sheltered, Ray's, etc.***

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## PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

Robert Horton\*, Belinda, Raylan, Erin Gardner, Julie Bowers, Melissa McPherson, Debbie, Cathy, Amanda Ford\*, John, Kay Lamberton\*, Mildred Wilmot, Diane Hood, Tric Deaton\*, John Port, Fionna, Allen, Rebecca Bryson, Wayne, Amelia Davis, Mike Lamberton\*, Pam Giardiello\*, Earle Holmes\*, Aubrey Crawford\*, Father Bill Walters

## PARTICIPATING TODAY

DATE	L E M	ACOLYTE/ CRUCIFER	USHERS/ GREETERS	TELLERS	ALTAR GUILD	LECTOR
Sunday, June 28, 2026	Linda Baker	Ernest Jenkins/ Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Joan Crawford & Pam Giardiello	Robert Horton & Pam Giardiello	Sally Higgins

Priest: Phil Emanuel

Parish Musician: Dana Lee Walters

Security: Ernest Jenkins

## PARTICIPANTS NEXT SUNDAY

DATE	L E M	ACOLYTE/ CRUCIFER	USHERS/ GREETERS	TELLERS	ALTAR GUILD	LECTOR	VIDEO OPERATOR
Sunday, July 5, 2026	Ernest Jenkins	Ernest Jenkins/ Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Ernest Jenkins & Nicki Robertson	Barbara Gibson & Lynn Blackmon	David Ford	Wayne Johnson

**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](mailto:orionrigelstar@gmail.com) or 843-325-3362.

**SERMON:** Copies of the sermon are on the table across from The Gathering Space.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

**Refreshments:** We ask our members to provide refreshments (cookies and juices) for a Sunday. Please notify the church office so that we can create a schedule so we will not duplicate the refreshments on Sundays.

**HOPE:** Shelf stable milk (store brand is fine) grits, beef stew, mixed vegetables, sweet peas, jelly, boxed instant potatoes, canned meats, dry beans, 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.

**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. Twenty-four comfort kits were assembled and delivered this month.

**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.

## John Eliot, Missionary among the Algonquin, 1690



John Eliot, known as “The Apostle to the Indians,” was born in 1604 at Widford in Hertfordshire, England. Educated at Cambridge, Eliot’s nonconformist beliefs brought him into conflict with the tenets of the established church, and he departed for New England in 1631. Eliot arrived in Boston later that year and became the pastor of a church in Roxbury.

During his tenure as pastor in Roxbury he became concerned with the welfare of the native populations and he learned Algonquin language. After two years of study he began preaching to them in their own language. Like Roger Williams before him, Eliot had learned the native language and preached to the local tribes, but unlike Williams, Eliot devoted his entire life’s work to preaching the Gospel to the native people.

In 1649, by act of Parliament, a Corporation for the Promoting and Propagating of the Gospel among the Indians of New England was set up, and with the financial backing of the English government, Eliot built a native settlement at Natick. The native people were provided with food, clothing, homes, and education, and in 1660 the first Indian church in New England was founded.

During this time, Eliot began his monumental translation of the English Bible into the Algonquin language. Starting with the Ten Commandments and the Lord’s Prayer, he was able to complete translations of the Book of Genesis and the Gospel of Matthew with the financial support of the Corporation for the Propagating of the Gospel. In 1661, his Algonquin New Testament was published, a copy of which was sent to King Charles II, and finally, in 1663, his complete translation of the Bible was published. Eliot would revise his translation several times after most copies had been destroyed in the Indian Wars of 1670, along with many of the Indian settlements he established.

Eliot wrote a number of other books before his death, including a grammar of the Algonquin language. His work was vital to the studies of many linguists after him who were interested in Native American languages.



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