

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER  
**PENTECOST**  
PROPER 10

SUNDAY  
**13 JULY**  
2025

**8:15am • 10:30am**  
Holy Eucharist Rite II



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
OF THE  
**HOLY COMFORTER**



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320 East Davis Street  
Burlington, NC



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# Welcome!

## Thank you for worshipping with Holy Comforter today.

If you are a guest or visitor, and feel comfortable doing so, please complete an information card. You can place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of the ushers.

## We, the people of Holy Comforter

Though very diverse politically and socially, care for each other and care deeply for how our faith is manifested in the community. We believe all people are equal in God's hand. Our nurturing congregation has an appreciation for diverse perspectives and opinions. We grow through a continually evolving and questioning discussion regarding our faith, God, and society. We welcome all, without reservation, into our Christian body to be part of a loving and sharing family.

## We care

If you or someone you know needs visitation, prayers, or other assistance because of illness or inability to attend worship, please call the church office at (336) 227-4251.

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## Our Parish Mission Statement

To worship God, revealed to us as Creator, as Jesus the Christ, and as the Holy Spirit, and experience God's presence within the church family, nurturing each other through a comprehensive parish program while affirming each other's individual ministries and responding to Jesus' continuing call to minister to others.

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## Altar Flowers

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Steven & Pat House in thanksgiving of their 25th wedding anniversary and 24 years in the Holy Comforter family.

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**All are invited for Sunday hospitality  
in the parlor after the service.**

## PRELUDE

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#### 8 • Morning has broken

*Unison or harmony*

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.\_\_\_\_\_  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.\_\_\_\_\_  
born of the one light E - den saw play!\_\_\_\_\_

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - every morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!\_\_\_\_\_  
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.\_\_\_\_\_  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!\_\_\_\_\_

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

BCP 355

**Presider** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The presider prays*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## GLORIA

**8:15am**

*BCP 356*

***Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

**10:30am • S-280**

***(S-280 lyrics on the next page)***

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.

**Presider** The Lord be with you.

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

**Presider** Let us pray.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

Amos 7:7-17

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' "Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.'

Therefore thus says the Lord: 'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'

**Reader**      The Word of the Lord.  
**People**      ***Thanks be to God.***

## THE RESPONSE

**8:15am** • Psalm 82, Deus stetit

BCP 705

<sup>1</sup> God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

<sup>2</sup> "How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
and show favor to the wicked?"

<sup>3</sup> Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
defend the humble and needy;

- <sup>4</sup> Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
 deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- <sup>5</sup> They do not know, neither do they understand;  
 they go about in darkness; \*  
 all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- <sup>6</sup> Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*  
 and all of you children of the Most High;
- <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
 and fall like any prince.'"
- <sup>8</sup> Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
 for you shall take all nations for your own.

**10:30am • S-477**



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 he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
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 and show favor to the wicked?
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## THE NEW TESTAMENT

*Colossians 1:1-14*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from

Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Reader**     The Word of the Lord.  
**People**     *Thanks be to God.*

### SEQUENCE HYMN

**660** • O Master, let me walk with thee

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, each corresponding to a line of the hymn. The piano accompaniment consists of a simple bass line and a treble line with chords.

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,  
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

**Gospeler** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**People** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

## SERMON

**The Rev. Dr. Rhonda M. Lee, Rector**

## THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

### *Presider and People*

***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.***

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Form VI

BCP 392

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

*In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.*

*Silence*

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| <b>Intercessor<br/>People</b> | For all people in their daily life and work;<br><b><i>For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.</i></b> |
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| <b>Intercessor</b> | For President Donald Trump, Governor Josh Stein, and all elected and appointed government officials, that you might guide them to wise decisions with justice and compassion. |
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| <b>People</b> | For this community, the nation, and the world;<br><b><i>For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.</i></b> |
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| <b>Intercessor<br/>People</b> | For the just and proper use of your creation;<br><b><i>For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.</i></b> |
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| <b>Intercessor<br/>People</b> | For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;<br><b><i>For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.</i></b> |
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| <b>Intercessor<br/>People</b> | For the peace and unity of the Church of God;<br><b><i>For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.</i></b> |
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| <b>Intercessor<br/>People</b> | For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;<br><b><i>For all who serve God in his Church.</i></b> |
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| <b>Intercessor</b> | For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. |
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*Silence.*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

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| <b>Intercessor<br/>People</b> | Hear us, Lord;<br><b><i>For your mercy is great.</i></b> |
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**Intercessor** We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence.*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

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

**Intercessor** We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence.*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Presider concludes with a suitable Collect.*

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*BCP 360*

*The Presider then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

### **Presider & 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 presider pronounces absolution.*

## **THE PEACE**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

529 • In Christ there is no east or west

*Unison or harmony*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in  
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -  
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.  
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

The musical score is written for unison or harmony. It features three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system has three lines of lyrics corresponding to the three parts. The second system has two lines of lyrics. The third system has three lines of lyrics. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

## DOXOLOGY HYMN • 380

Verse 3

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

**Presider** The Lord be with you.  
**People** ***And also with you.***

**Presider** Lift up your hearts.  
**People** ***We lift them to the Lord.***

**Presider** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People** ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider 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.

*The Presider adds a proper preface.*

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**

**8:15am • BCP 402**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

**10:30am • S-125**



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



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



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



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Presider continues*

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,

***Presider and People***  
***We remember his death,***  
***We proclaim his resurrection,***  
***We await his coming in glory;***

*The Presider continues*

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 [ \_\_\_\_\_ 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**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*BCP 364*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***Presider 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

BCP 364

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## FRACTION ANTHEM

8:15am

BCP 364

**Presider** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**People** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

10:30am • S-155

*The choir sings the fraction anthem.*



*Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation.*  
**The Gifts of God, for the people of God.**

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion, and everyone is welcome to receive a blessing. Although it is traditional to drink from the common cup, you may choose to "intinct" by dipping your bread into the chalice. You may receive only the bread, if you prefer. Reception in one kind does constitute full communion. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please present your hands palms down.*

*Persons wanting a blessing instead of receiving bread or wine at the altar may cross their arms over their chest. Communion can be brought to you at your pew; please ask an usher.*

*If you are not baptized and are feeling God's call in that direction, please speak to the priest, who will be delighted to explore this with you.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

325 • Let us break bread together on our knees

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*  
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*  
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

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 throngs a - bid, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;  
 5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

## PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(10:30 only) *For those attending remotely.*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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**

## BLESSING

## RECESSIONAL

344 • Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the  
joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,  
tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,  
O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

## DISMISSAL

*The people respond*  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

# Lay Ministers

## VERGER EMERITUS

Richard Parker

## ORGANIST

Phil Deadmon

## READERS

**8:15am** - Curt Odem

**10:30am**

*1st Lesson* - Maryanne Shanahan

*NT & POTP* - Meredith Patterson

## USHERS

**8:15am** - Tom McLean

**10:30am** - Sarah Moore, Stig Egede-Nissen

## ACOLYTES

**8:15am**

*Chalichist & Crucifer* - Julie Smith

**10:30am**

*Chalichist* - Paul Surratt

*Chalichist* - Mourine Todd

*Crucifer* - Paul Surratt

*Left Torch Bearer* - Mourine Todd

*Right Torch Bearer* - Millie Surratt

*Gospel Bearer* - Caitlyn Todd

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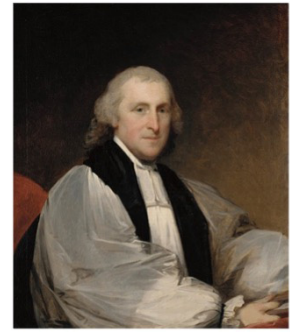
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On July 17, the church commemorates William White, first bishop of Pennsylvania, first and fourth presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church, first and fourth president of the House of Deputies, and United States Senate chaplain. He stands as a foundational figure in the history of The Episcopal Church, shepherding our particular expression of Anglicanism through and beyond the wake of the American Revolution.



White was born in Philadelphia and educated at the College of Philadelphia, now the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1765. In 1770, he sailed to England for his diaconal ordination, returning again in 1772 for his priestly ordination. He was called to become rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia, and subsequently chaplain to the Continental Congress.

Deeply rooted in both Anglican tradition and early American ideals, White saw the need for an autonomous church that would retain historic faith and order while adapting to a completely new, democratic context. He wrote and distributed a pamphlet, "The Case of The Episcopal Churches in the United States Considered," which envisioned a church governed not by bishops alone but with broad lay and clerical participation. This was a radical idea for its time, though, of course, it was proposed within the other social constraints of the time. His vision was one of shared authority, unity in diversity, and responsive leadership.

In 1787, White again traveled to England to be consecrated bishop, eventually taking his seat in Pennsylvania. In 1789, he became the first presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church, which at that time was a position that rotated between the existing bishops (there were only three). In 1795, the position was adjusted to be given to the most senior bishop in the House of Bishops. His time was marked by a growing church that established an American line of bishops, participating in the consecration of more than two dozen colleagues. He ordained Absalom Jones, the first African American priest in The Episcopal Church. And he presided over a church that struggled to find a foothold as an institution tethered to English spirituality as other formal connections frayed and snapped. In an era when institutions are questioned and authority is shifting, we do well to recall a bishop who helped build something lasting, not by power alone, but by patience, prayer, and a commitment to the truth.

### ***Collect for the Feast of William White***

O Lord, who in a time of turmoil and confusion raised up your servant William White to lead your church into ways of stability and peace; Hear our prayer, and give us wise and faithful leaders, that, through their ministry, your people may be blessed and your will be done; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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