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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
OF THE  
**HOLY COMFORTER**

**PROPER 6**

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER  
**PENTECOST**

**JUNE 16, 2024**  
8:15AM | 10:30AM  
**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

## WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS

Please complete the information card and 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

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

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## IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO



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it's all listed below for your convenience.

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# PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN | 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. \_\_\_\_\_  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. \_\_\_\_\_  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. \_\_\_\_\_  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows \_\_\_\_\_



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; \_\_\_\_\_  
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life \_\_\_\_\_  
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. \_\_\_\_\_



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. \_\_\_\_\_  
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le -  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: \_\_\_\_\_



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Officiant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

*Let us pray.* 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 | S-280



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.

**Officiant** The Lord be with you.

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

## COLLECT

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

*Ezekiel 17:22-24*

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE RESPONSE

*Psalm 92:1-4,11-14 | Bonum est confiteri*



- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;

14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

## **THE EPISTLE**

*2 Corinthians 5:6-17*

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord--for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

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

## **SEQUENCE HYMN | 598**

Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth

***(Sequence Hymn lyrics on next page)***



1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up - on a cross they  
 2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -  
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -  
 4 O wound-ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -



bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then  
 nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom  
 fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war  
 a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,



by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs  
 the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone  
 we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith  
 we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -



may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that  
 was left on stone, and all those na - tions'  
 our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom  
 umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.  
 pride, o'er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!  
 of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.  
 fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

The Officiant reads the Gospel, first saying

**Gospeler** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

**THE GOSPEL**

*Mark 4:26-34*

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

## SERMON

*The Rev. Greg Farrand*

## THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

### ***Officiant 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 Reader and People pray responsively*

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



*Silence*

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

**Reader** For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**People** ***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

**Reader** For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**People** ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

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

**Reader** For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**People** ***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

**Reader** For [N. our Presiding Bishop, and N. (N.) our Bishop(s); and for]  
all bishops and other ministers;  
**People** ***For all who serve God in his Church.***

**Reader** For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

**Reader** Hear us, Lord;  
**People** ***For your mercy is great.***  
**Reader** We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

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

**Reader** Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**People** **Who put their trust in you.**  
**Reader** We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Officiant and People**

**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 concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

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.**

**A TRANSITION PRAYER FOR HOLY COMFORTER**

Ever-present God,

You call us on a journey to a place we do not know.

We are not where we started.

We have not reached our destination.

We are discovering who we are and where we are going.

Transition is not a comfortable place.

May we continue to remind ourselves of the wonderful resources of this Church Sanctuary and a warm and welcoming congregation.

Be among us, we pray.

Calm our fears, save us from discouragement.

Encourage us to care for one another.

And help us to stay on course.

Open our hearts to your guidance so that our journey toward calling a new Rector continues as a journey of trust, and faith and love. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

**Officiant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ave Verum Corpus

W.A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus,  
Natum de Maria Virgine,  
Vere passum, immolatum  
In cruce pro homine  
Cuius latus perforatum  
Fluxit aqua et sanguine:  
Esto nobis prægustatum  
In mortis examine.

Hail, true Body,  
Born of the Virgin Mary  
Truly suffered, sacrificed  
On the cross for mankind,  
From whose pierced side  
Flowed water and blood:  
Be for us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
In the trial of death.

## DOXOLOGY

Hymn 380 vs. 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

*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 our 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.

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:

## SANCTUS | S-125

***(Sanctus lyrics on next page)***

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 Celebrant 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,

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

*The Celebrant 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,

### **Officiant 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 Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.  
The choir will immediately sing the fraction anthem.*

## **FRACTION ANTHEM | S-155**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Facing the people, the Officiant says the following Invitation.

The 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.

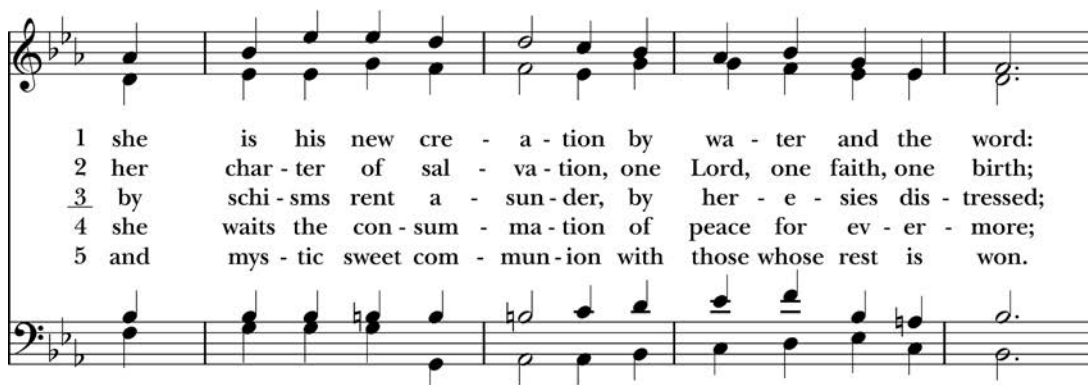
Persons wanting a blessing instead of receiving bread or wine at the Altar may cross their arms over their chest.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

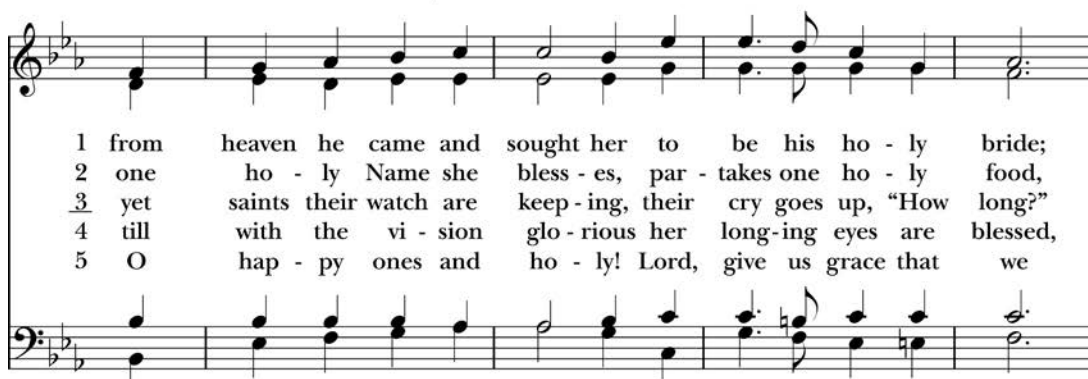
### 525 | The Church's one foundation



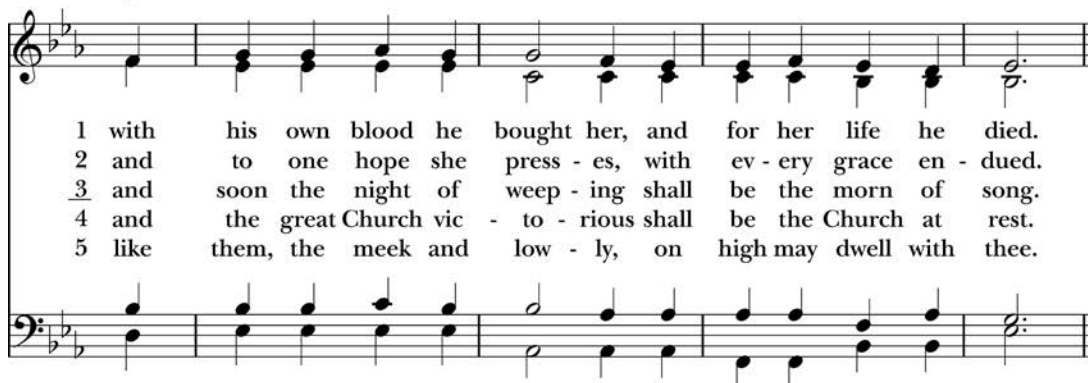
1 The Church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with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

1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man  
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for  
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing  
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we

need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's  
 bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we  
 light, in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our  
 go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged love in liv - ing

per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship  
 mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion  
 quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens  
 deeds to show; hope and health, good will and com - fort,

not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing  
 healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your  
 your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to  
 coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser - vants,

to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.  
 Spi - rit kin - dles still to save and make us whole.  
 tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*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.**

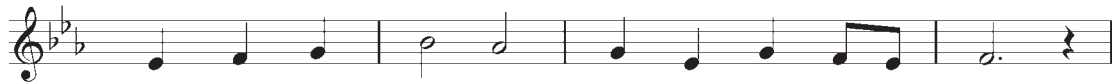
## BLESSING

## RECESSIONAL | 347

Go forth for God



1 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in peace;  
2 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in love;  
3 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in strength;  
4 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,  
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;  
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;  
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,  
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove  
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length  
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king - dom we \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold his face.  
his love sup - plies the grace \_\_\_\_\_ and power we seek.  
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.  
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

## DISMISSAL

**Officiant** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

## POSTLUDE



# ALL ARE WELCOME FOR SUNDAY HOSPITALITY IN THE PARLOR AFTER THE SERVICE.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Kim & Shara Partin in thanksgiving of 57 years of marriage, two children, three grandchildren, and many good friends.

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## COMMITMENT TO MINISTRY

JUNE 9 SERVICE COUNT ..... 8:15AM **18** | 10AM **79** | REMOTE **42**

## COMMITMENT TO FAITHFULNESS

MONDAY JUNE 3 - SUNDAY JUNE 9

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| PLEDGED .....      | <b>\$4,303.00</b> |
| GENERAL FUND ..... | <b>\$ 615.00</b>  |
| OTHER .....        | <b>\$ 716.16</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b> ..... | <b>\$5,634.16</b> |

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## OFFICIANT

The Rev. Greg Farrand

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## LAY MINISTERS

VERGER ON DUTY

Gary Schilke

ORGANIST

Christin Baker

USHERS

**8:15am** - Ron Driscoll  
**10:30am** - Jim Romer, Micah Ash

READERS

**8:15am** - Linda Buff  
**10:30am** - Colleen Stevens, Jane Romer

ACOLYTES

**8:15am** - Peter Dahl  
**10:30am** - *CHALICISTS* - Martha Stewart, Kathy Hykes  
*CRUCIFER* - Mourine Todd  
*LEFT TORCH BEARER* - Sam Fitzpatrick  
*RIGHT TORCH BEARER* - Abigail Fitzpatrick  
*GOSPEL BEARER* - Caitlyn Todd

VESTRY COUNTERS

Carol Thornell, Joanne McClusky

FLOWER GUILD

Janie Sellers, Ren Bryan

ALTAR GUILD

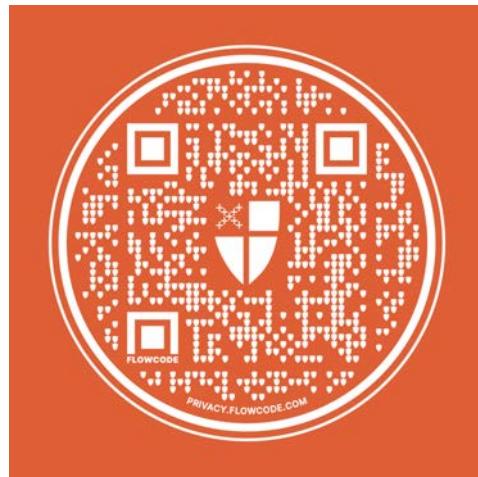
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*Throughout the summer, our bulletin inserts will feature resources available to you, your ministry, your congregation, and your diocese from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society – the formal, incorporated name for The Episcopal Church. Learn more by scanning each department’s QR code or visit [iam.ec/tecguide](http://iam.ec/tecguide).*

**The Camino Project** comes out of a Lilly Foundation Grant that was awarded to the Department of Faith Formation of The Episcopal Church to address the global needs of our culturally diverse family structures and congregations. Our hope is to invite parents, caregivers, and congregations to explore “camino experiences.” We intentionally chose the Spanish word “camino” (the road, the path, the way) as a fitting, bilingual metaphor for the often unpredictable journey of Christian parenting. The word “camino” also encompasses a broader context for experiential faith journeys. These pilgrimages or camino experiences can be done locally, regionally, or in sacred places throughout the world. The project will engage, gather, and equip parents, caregivers, and congregations with caminos/pilgrimages, resources, and parent/caregiver cohorts. It will connect through strategic experiences and faith-formed practices.



- **Become** a Camino Congregation or a Camino Group within your congregation that invests intentionally in supporting and resourcing English- and Spanish-speaking families of all configurations to build spiritually formative practices into the rhythm of their homes.
- **Learn** more about a doing a camino or Holy Expedition.
- **Explore** our resources!

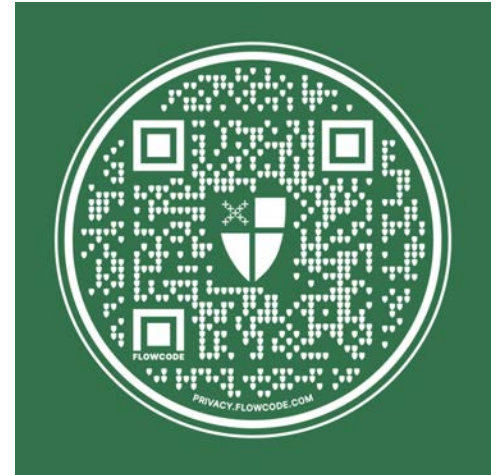
**The Concert for the Human Family** is an inspiring collaborative between award-winning musicians and church leaders who believe in the power of music and storytelling to foster Beloved Community. Experience genre-bending original music that bridges jazz, hip-hop, and bluegrass, performed by a multicultural team led by Nashville pianist and composer Kory Caudill—all woven with sacred stories to launch conversation around reconciliation, healing, and justice in the communities we call home. It’s the power of music, for the sake of love.



- **Experience** the music of the Concert for the Human Family by accessing multiple albums of original songs created for these events.

- **Join** the conversation by finding out when the Concert for the Human Family tour will be in your town.
- **Find** the complete story of the Concert for the Human Family series, including media clips, behind-the-scenes videos, artist bios, tour dates, a full press kit, and much more.
- **Watch** “In These Uncertain Times—A Concert for the Human Family Event,” an award-winning digital concert experience, filmed live at Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral.
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In Jesus, God so loved the whole world. We follow Jesus, so we love the world God loves. Concerned for the global climate emergency, drawing on diverse approaches for our diverse contexts, we commit to form and restore right relationship with all of creation through loving formation, liberating advocacy, and life-giving stewardship. Learn more about **Creation Care**:



- **Explore** the Episcopal Covenant to Care of Creation for inspiration and resources on how to take action as individuals, congregations, dioceses, and as the whole church.
- **Start** the conversation about climate change and eco-justice in your community with this simple guide to creation care StorySharing.
- **Worship** with creation care liturgies, including prayers of the people, confessions of sin, rogation days resources, and more.
- **Use** the online carbon tracker to measure your carbon footprint, make sustainable changes, and work with others in your congregation and diocese.
- **Complete** an online training on climate change and how to take action in your congregation and community to ensure a just and secure future for all.
- **Form** a small group to take this nine-session course on creation care and climate justice in your congregation and community.

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