

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS

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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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PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN | 372

Praise to the living God!



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



Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

COLLECT

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Job 38:1-11

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?— when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

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

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 | Confitemini Domino



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, * and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed pro<u>claim</u> * that he redeemed them from the hand of the <u>foe</u>.
- 3 He gathered them out of the <u>lands</u>; * from the east and from the west, from the north and from the <u>south</u>.

- 23 Some went down to the sea in ships * and plied their trade in deep waters;
- 24 They beheld the works of the <u>LORD</u> * and his wonders in the <u>deep</u>.
- 25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind a<u>rose</u>, * which tossed high the waves of the <u>sea</u>.
- They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the <u>depths</u>; * their hearts melted because of their <u>peril</u>.
- 27 They reeled and staggered like <u>drunkards</u> * and were at their wits' end.
- 28 Then they cried to the LORD in their <u>trouble</u>, * and he delivered them from their distress.
- 29 He stilled the storm to a <u>whisper</u> * and quieted the waves of the <u>sea</u>.
- Then were they glad because of the <u>calm</u>, * and he brought them to the harbor they were <u>bound for</u>.
- 31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his <u>mercy</u> * and the wonders he does for his children.
- + 32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the <u>people</u> * and praise him in the council of the <u>elders</u>.

THE EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute.

We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see--we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-open wide your hearts also.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN | 608

Eternal Father, strong to save



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 4:35-41

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Canon Earnest Graham

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

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.

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

O Hail This Joyful Day

arr. Mark Schweizer

O hail this joyful day's return,
Hail to the ascended Lord,
Who on this day, upon his church,
His Spirit has outpoured.
And like as cloven tongues of flame,
That earth might hear the call,
On Pentecost the Spirit came
That love may burn in all.

Unfailing comfort, heav'nly guide, With rushing wind and fire, O grant your blessings from above, Jesus, our heart's desire.
As with your promise, we believe These gifts you have in store, Make us now ready to receive That joy forever more.

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.

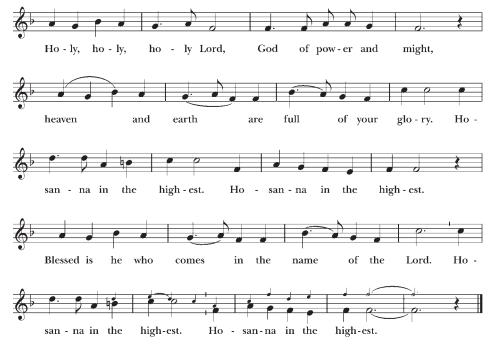
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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



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



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

WLP 788 | As newborn stars were stirred to song



559 | Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us



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 | 535

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim



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 Julia Tighe and Betty Adams in memory of our parents, George and Helen Long and brother, Jim Long.

OFFICIANT

The Rev. Canon Earnest Graham

LAY MINISTERS

VERGER Steven Swanner

ORGANIST Christin Baker

USHERS 8:15am - Derek Bates

10:30am - Ed & Rene Burgess

READERS 8:15am - Peter Dahl

10:30am - Mary and Brad Collins

ACOLYTES 8:15am - Peter Dahl

10:30am - снацсіять - Paige Ysteboe, Meredith Patterson

CRUCIFER - Bo Slott

LEFT TORCH BEARER - Steven Slott

RIGHT TORCH BEARER - Davis Slott

GOSPEL BEARER - Fletcher Slott

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