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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.

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.

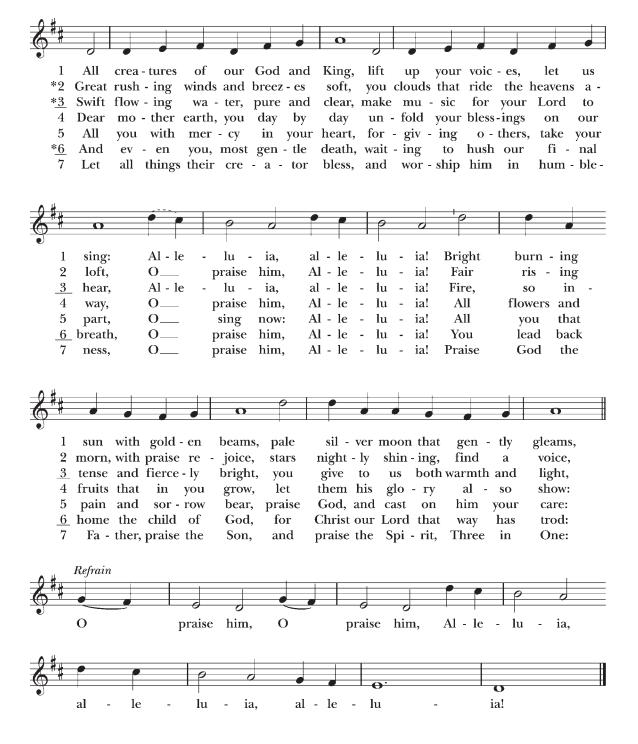
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PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN | 400

All creatures of our God and King



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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-278



Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

COLLECT

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

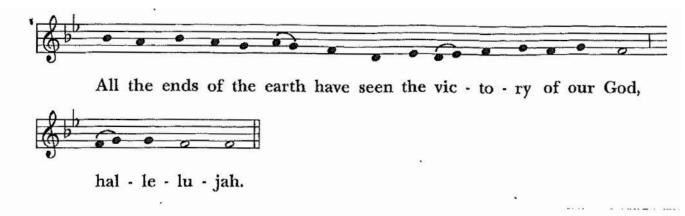
FIRST LESSON Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 98 | Cantate Domino



- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
 his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

THE EPISTLE 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN | 455

O love of God, how strong and true

(Sequence lyrics on next page)



The Officiant reads the Gospel, first saying

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

THE GOSPEL John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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.

Form III BCP 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Reader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Reader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly

serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Reader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and

Sacraments.

Reader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of

the world:

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Reader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake:

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Reader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Reader Give to the departed eternal rest.

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Reader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; **People** May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

People may add their own petitions. Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

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

If Ye Love Me Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments,

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter,

That he may abide with you forever,

E'en the Spirit of truth.

And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortless.

I will come to you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharist Prayer D

BCP 372

The people remain standing.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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.

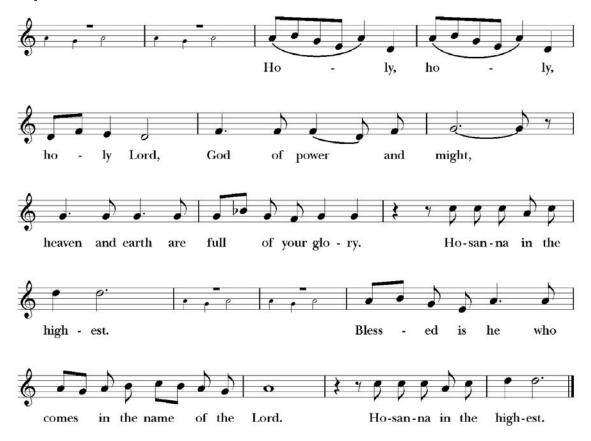
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS | S-128



The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy.

To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising, from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no

longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sam and Jennifer, our Bishops, and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Athanasius and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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



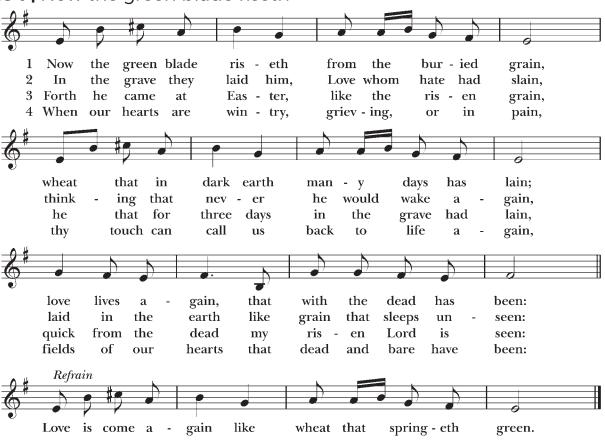
Facing the people, the Officiant says the following Invitation.

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

204 Now the green blade riseth



492 | Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness



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 | 665

All my hope on God is founded



DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia. **People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

COMMITMENT TO MINISTRY

APRIL 28 SERVICE COUNT 8:15AM 15 | 10AM 98 | REMOTE 46

COMMITMENT TO FAITHFULNESS

MONDAY APRIL 22 - SUNDAY APRIL 28

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The Rev. Canon Earnest Graham

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10:30am - Mary & Brad Collins

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collection plates - Jazzymyne Griffith-Petty, Evie Surratt

READERS 8:15am - Julie Smith

10:30am - 1st READING - Lorenzo Johnson

THE EPISTLE - Davis Slott

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Max Fitzpatrick

ACOLYTES 8:15am - Julie Smith

10:30am - снацсіять - Adriane & Max Newbauer

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The Episcopal Church's Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop on April 2 announced the names of the bishops it will nominate to succeed Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

- THE RT. REV. J. SCOTT BARKER, Bishop of Nebraska
- THE RT. REV. DANIEL G. P. GUTIÉRREZ, Bishop of Pennsylvania
- THE RT. REV. SEAN ROWE, Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western NY.
- THE RT. REV. ROBERT WRIGHT, Bishop of Atlanta

After the April 3-15 petition nomination period closed, the JNCPB announced that it had received one nomination. The bishop below was vetted through the same process of background and reference checks used for its nominees, as required by Canon I.2.1.d. The Episcopal Church's canons do not allow for nominations from the floor of General Convention.

• THE RT. REV. DEDE DUNCAN-PROBE, Bishop of Central New York

Committee members began working together in the fall of 2021. They surveyed the church in May 2022 about the skills, qualities, and gifts most desired in its next presiding bishop, considering what the church and the world may look like in the next decade. The members used the 6,092 responses, along with hours of conversation and prayers, to develop the "Profile for the Election of the 28th Presiding Bishop."

In May 2023, the committee invited the members of the church to suggest bishops they ought to consider. Between May 15 and July 15, 111 Episcopalians submitted bishops' names. There were some duplications among the suggestions. Bishops could also nominate themselves. None did.

The committee invited all the bishops named to enter the discernment process. Those who agreed provided biographical information, references, and written and video responses to several questions. They were interviewed via Zoom. In January the members decided which of the bishops to invite to meet with them during an in-person retreat March 18-23 at the Lake Logan Conference Center in the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina. The committee discerned its slate at the close of that gathering.

"We appreciate the many Episcopalians who prayerfully set us on our way to discerning this slate of nominees," said the Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime, bishop of Alaska, who cochairs the committee with Canon Dr. Steve Nishibayashi of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles.

For more information, contact the committee at pb28@episcopalchurch.org. Read more at https://generalconvention.org/nominees-for-the-28th-presiding-bishop/.

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