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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.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN | 381

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OfficiantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd 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

L Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and to his people on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - h peace King. wor - ship you, we al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we 1 . give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - rv. 3. Lord Je | sus 10 . 40 0 . 10 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, LambθĒ God. 4. you 20 the world: have take a - way the SIT of met 4.Y . ø on as: 5, you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: EC: d, ¢, ceise prayer. 6. For 500 a - lone are the Hu - h One, OUT . Lord, 7, you a = fone 300 a · lone are the are the Most High, Christ, with the Ho in the Je - sus ły Spi - rit, glo. 1.8 ry of God the Fa - ther. men. A

Officiant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

COLLECT

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

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



 Sing with joy to God our <u>strength</u> * and raise a loud shout to the God of <u>Jacob</u>.

- 2 Raise a song and sound the <u>timbrel</u>, * the merry harp, and the <u>lyre</u>.
- 3 Blow the ram's-horn at the new <u>moon</u>, * and at the full moon, the day of our <u>feast</u>.
- 4 For this is a statute for <u>Israel</u>, * a law of the God of <u>Jacob</u>.
- 5 He laid it as a solemn charge upon <u>Joseph</u>, * when he came out of the land of <u>Egypt</u>.
- I heard an unfamiliar voice <u>saying</u>, *
 "I eased his shoulder from the burden; his hands were set free from bearing the <u>load</u>."
- 7 You called on me in trouble, and I saved <u>you</u>; * I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of <u>Meribah</u>.
- 8 Hear, O my people, and I will ad<u>monish you</u>: * O Israel, if you would but <u>listen to me</u>!
- 9 There shall be no strange god a<u>mong you</u>; * you shall not worship a foreign <u>god</u>.
- 10 I am the LORD your God,
- who brought you out of the land of Egypt and <u>said</u>, * "Open your mouth wide, and I will <u>fill it</u>."

THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

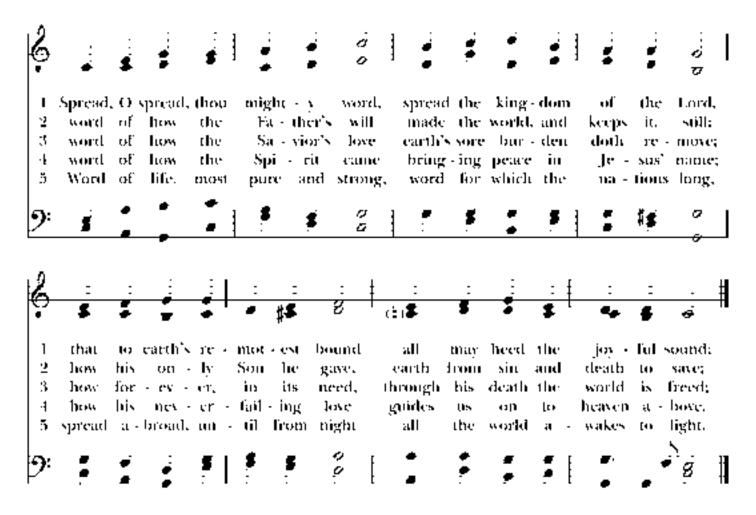
We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN | 530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word



GospelerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 2:23-3:6

One sabbath Jesus and his disciples were going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

GospelerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Melanie Barbarito

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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 People	For all people in their daily life and work; 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.

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

GENERAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 393

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

OfficiantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Beatus Vir

Beatus vir qui	Blessed is the man
in sapiential morabitur,	who shall continue in wisdom
Et qui in justitia meditabitur,	and who shall meditate in his justice,
Et in sensu	and in his mind
cogitabit circumspectionem Dei.	shall think of the all-seeing eye of God.

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.

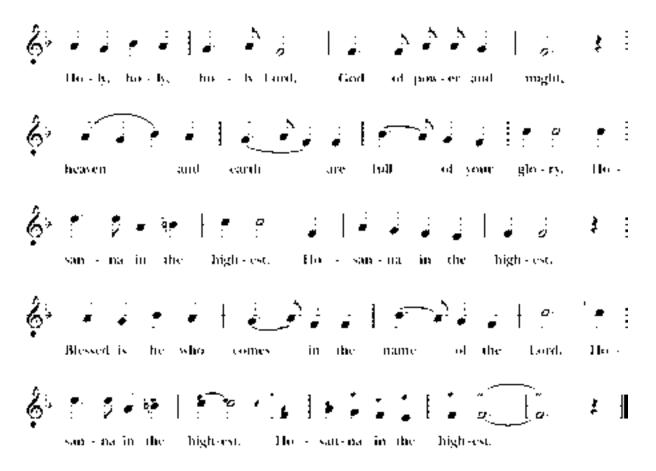
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

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

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

FRACTION ANTHEM | S-155



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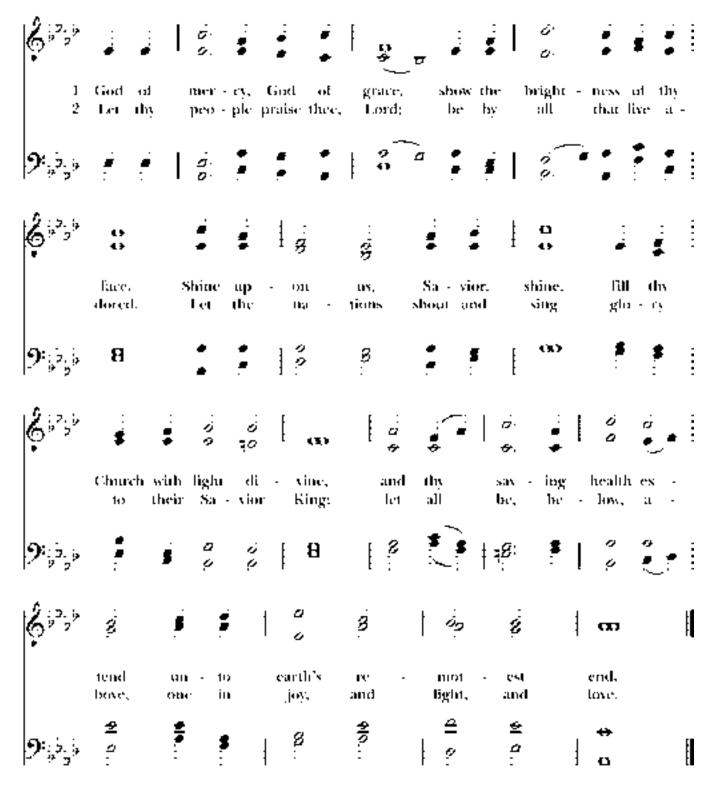
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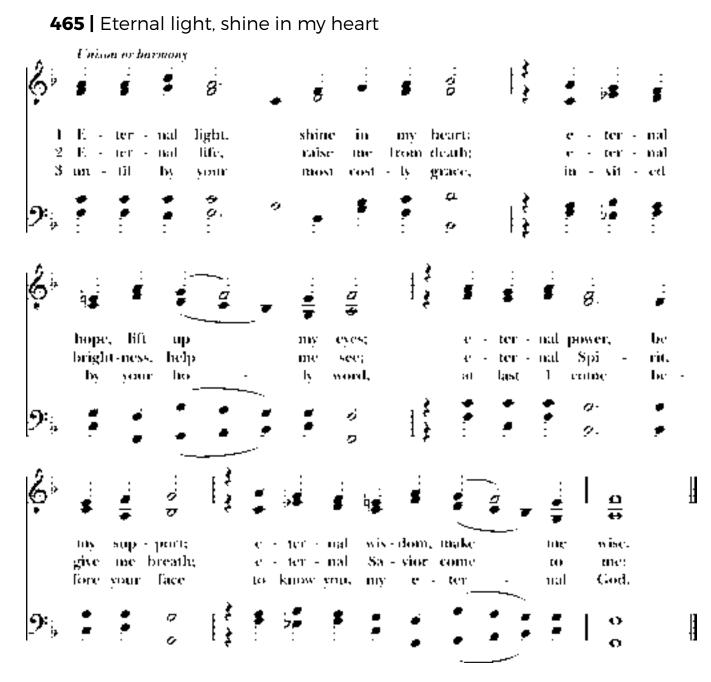
Facing the people, the Officiant says the following Invitation. The Gifts of God, for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

COMMUNION HYMNS







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

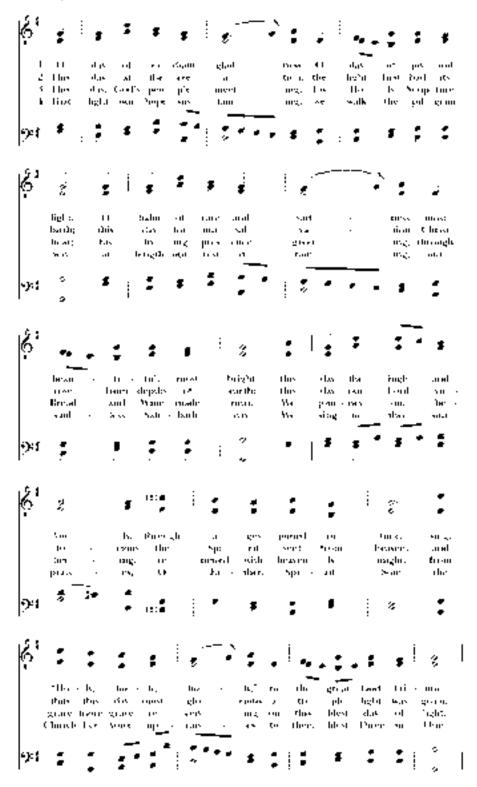
For those attending remotely.

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 | 48

O day of radiant gladness



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 Shelley Marlowe in memory of Don Marlowe.

COMMITMENT TO MINISTRY

COMMITMENT TO FAITHFULNESS

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BULLETIN JUNE 2, 2024 PENTECOST 2 (B) **YOUR GUIDE TO THE DFMS, PART 1**

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.

THE OFFICE OF AFRICAN DESCENT MINISTRIES seeks to inspire, transform and empower people of African descent to live fully into the Jesus Movement. The history of contributions to The Episcopal Church by people of African descent is long and inspiring. The church pays tribute to this legacy by supporting and fostering the growth and development of Black communities through partnerships that reach across ethnic and racial boundaries, from Episcopal provinces, dioceses, and deaneries to local worshipping communities.



- **ENGAGE** the "Healing from Internalized Oppression" curriculum and its invitation to a journey toward wholeness.
- ATTEND a meeting of Diocesan Leaders for African Descent Ministries.
- **EXPLORE** Congregational Programs for Revitalization to strengthen congregational leadership and ministry.
- **LEARN** more about African Descent Ministries Black Congregational Leadership Initiative (BCLI).

THE ARCHIVES is the research center of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, serving The Episcopal Church's governing bodies, dioceses, parishes, and churchwide organizations. The Archives provides historical research on official statements, programs, publications, and activities of the church. The Archives advises local church entities on archival retention, digital preservation, and records management for legal compliance. The Archives' website (episcopalarchives.org) offers historical resources in the Digital Archives and the Episcopal Text Center.

- **EXPLORE** the Digital Archives to discover more about The Episcopal Church.
- **DISCOVER** the process for amending church records.
- LEARN about the historic contributions of the women of the church through the Archives' latest online exhibit, "For the Extension of the Kingdom."
- MANAGE archives and records for your congregation.

ARMED FORCES AND FEDERAL MINISTRIES and its chaplains provide spiritual and day-today support to service members overseas and stateside, veterans requiring medical services, and those incarcerated in federal prisons. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Civil Air Patrol chaplains provide spiritual support to local communities outside federal installations. They bring spiritual healing and comfort to those with no other faith resources.



- **DISCOVER** how and where we serve.
- **BECOME** an Episcopal military or federal chaplain.
- **VISIT** the Military Chaplains Just War Education Project.
- WATCH our Armed Forces and Federal Chaplains video series.
- **DISCOVER** the history of the Armed Forces bishops.
- LEARN MORE: Visit iam.ec/affm or contact the Rt. Rev. Ann Ritonia at aritonia@episcopalchurch.org.

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