

PROPER 23

# PENTECOST



OCTOBER 13, 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.



The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Diana Wallace in memory of her husband, Wally Wallace and son, Jack Wallace.

# **OCTOBER 6 SERVICE COUNT**

8:15AM **23** | 10:30AM **93** | REMOTE **43** 

# **OFFICIANT**

#### THE REV. MELANIE BARBARITO

# **LAY MINISTERS**

VERGER

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

**VESTRY COUNTERS** 

**FLOWER GUILD** 

**ALTAR GUILD** 

ORGANIST USHERS

READERS

ACOLYTES

Steven Swanner Christin Baker

8:15AM - Paula Boyd

10:30AM - Phil Savage, Jim Romer

8:15AM - Elizabeth Hansen

10:30AM - Jim McAdams, Martha Stewart

10:30AM - CHALICISTS - Meredith Patterson, Steven Swanner

**CRUCIFER** - Mourine Todd

8:15AM - Peter Dahl

LEFT TORCH BEARER - Wesley Swanner

RIGHT TORCH BEARER - William Swanner

gospel Bearer - Caitlyn Todd

Team E - J.D & Kenzie Swajkoski

Carol Thornell, Julie Swanner

Betty Brown, Sandy Gerow, Julie Smith

Joanne McClusky, Cheryl Miner, Tish Murray, Susan Ryan, Julie Smith,

Nancy Smith

Mary Telander, Debbie Nichols-Smith, Jan Kelly,

Gretchen Peet, Debra Scott

**MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP OCTOBER 17** 

Cyrus Simpson

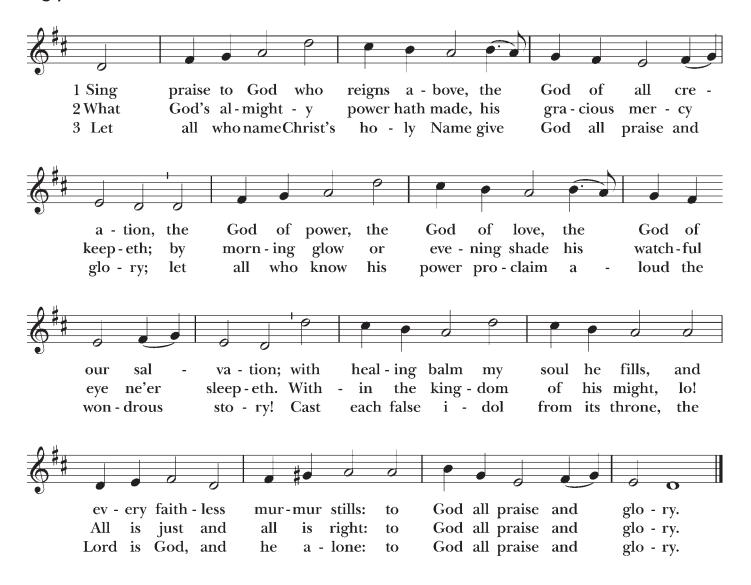
# ALL ARE WELCOME FOR SUNDAY HOSPITALITY IN THE PARLOR AFTER THE SERVICE.

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **WELCOME**

#### **OPENING HYMN | 408**

Sing praise to 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**.



Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

#### **COLLECT**

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 5:6-7,10-15

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

#### **THE RESPONSE | S-412**

Psalm 90:12-17

Domine, refugium



- 12 So teach us to number our <u>days</u> \* that we may apply our hearts to <u>wisdom</u>.
- Return, O LORD; how long will you <u>tarry</u>? \* be gracious to your <u>servants</u>.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the <u>morning</u>; \* so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our <u>life</u>.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you af<u>flicted us</u> \* and the years in which we suffered ad<u>versity</u>.
- 16 Show your servants your <u>works</u> \* and your splendor to their <u>children</u>.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; \* prosper the work of our <u>hands</u>; prosper our <u>handiwork</u>.

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 4:12-16

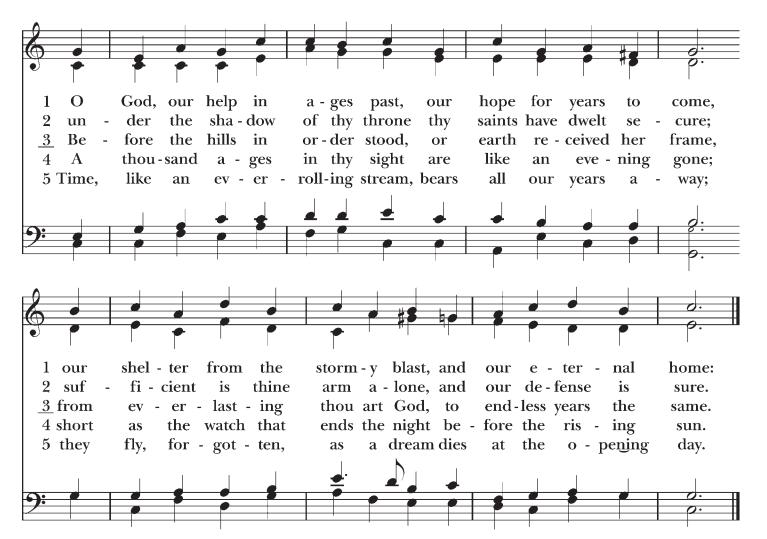
The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

#### **SEQUENCE HYMN | 680**

O God, our help in ages past



6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

# 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 10:17-31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother." He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**SERMON** 

THE REV. MELANIE BARBARITO

#### 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**

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Form III | BCP 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Reader People	Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; <b>That we all may be one.</b>
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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop- elect, Sam and Jennifer, our Bishops, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People	That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
Reader	We pray for Joe, our President, Roy, our Governor, James, our Mayor, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People	That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Reader People	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; <b>That our works may find favor in your sight.</b>
Reader	We pray for (). Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

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

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for ... ( ). Give to the departed eternal rest;

#### 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.

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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**.

#### THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

O Love Elaine Hagenberg

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee. I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follows all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee. My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee. I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

#### **DOXOLOGY | 380 V.3**

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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.

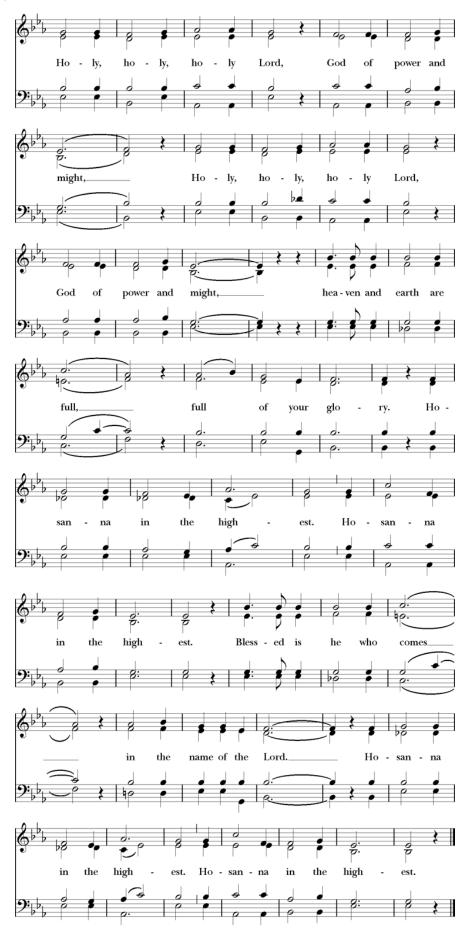
# Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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-130



### 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 Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

The choir will immediately sing the fraction anthem.

#### FRACTION ANTHEM | S-164



# 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**

#### 707 Take my life, and let it be





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 | 475**

God himself is with us

(Recessional lyrics on next page)

#### DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**





# **OCTOBER 13, 2024**

## Hurricane Helene Relief

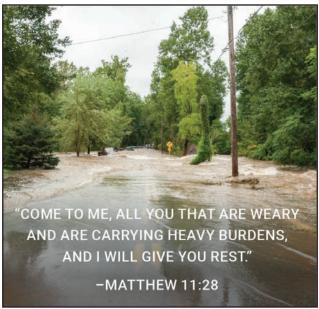
# PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

Please support hurricane relief efforts.

On Thursday, September 26, Hurricane Helene made landfall in Florida's Big Bend region as a category 4 hurricane. The deadly storm moved north through Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina and North Carolina, spawning numerous tornadoes and catastrophic flooding. At the time of this writing, well over 100 people have died as a result of the mudslides, tornadoes, flooding and power outages caused by the storm. The storm has displaced thousands and many have left the area to find support and lodging.

Episcopal Relief & Development is in close contact with the affected dioceses as they assess their communities' needs. Please pray for the people in the wake of Helene – and if you can, rush a

Episcopal Relief & Development Working Together for Lasting Change



**donation to our Hurricane Relief Fund today.** Your contribution will meet urgent needs by providing critical supplies such as food, water and other basics, and will help provide long-term assistance as needed. We provide emergency and long-term support for those who are impacted, wherever they are, so they can make full and sustained recoveries – as well as resources and training to help people prepare for the next disaster.

Episcopal Relief & Development partners with faith and community organizations to advance lasting change in communities affected by injustice, poverty, disaster and climate change. Inspired by our faith, we focus on four interconnected priorities: nurturing the potential of caregivers and young children, reducing violence against women and girls, strengthening communities' resilience to climate change and facilitating humanitarian response to disasters.



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