

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.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO









Give us a ring, drop a line, scroll through our social media or visit our website... it's all listed below for your convenience.

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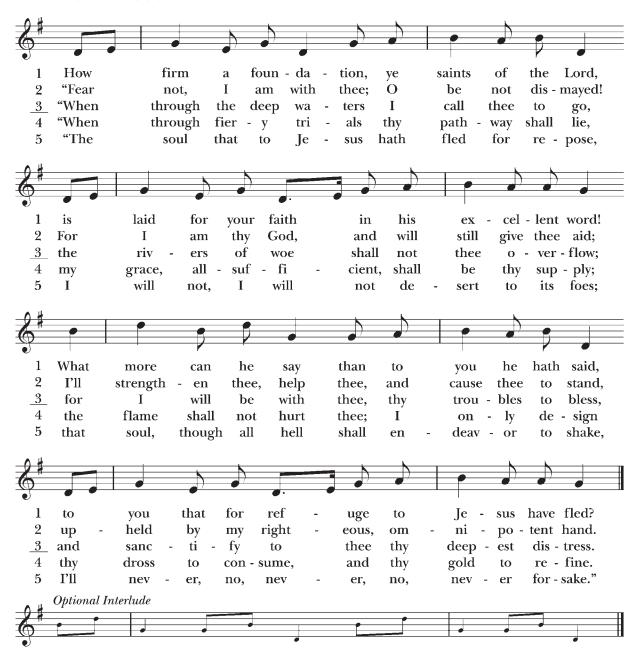
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PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN | 636

How firm a foundation



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 God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 2:1-5

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 123 | Ad te levavi oculos meos



- 1 To you I lift up my <u>eyes</u>, * to you enthroned in the <u>heavens</u>.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their <u>masters</u>, * and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her <u>mistress</u>,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our <u>God</u>, * until he show us his <u>mercy</u>.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have <u>mercy</u>, * for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- + 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent <u>rich</u>, * and of the derision of the <u>proud</u>.

THE EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so

that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN | 635

If thou but trust in God to guide thee



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

THE GOSPEL Mark 6:1-13

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

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 Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop-

elect and for Sam and Jennifer our own Bishops; 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

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lift Thine Eyes from Elijah Felix Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes

To the mountains, whence cometh help.

Thy help cometh from the Lord,

The Maker of heaven and earth.

He hath said thy foot shall not be moved.

Thy keeper will never slumber.

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes

To the mountains, whence cometh help.

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.

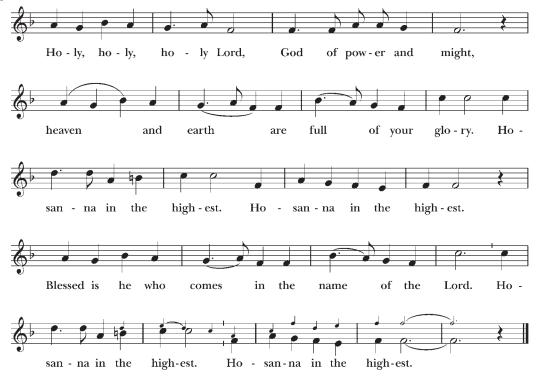
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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-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.

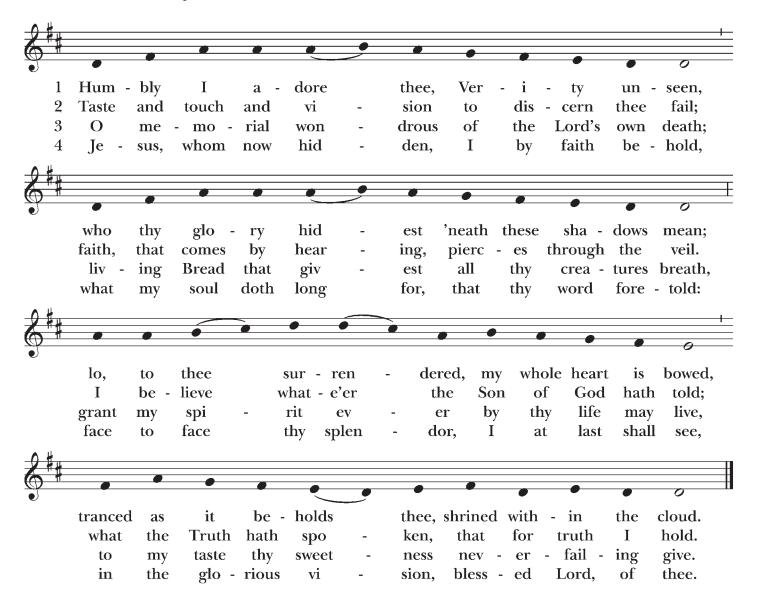
The Gifts of God, for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

671 | Amazing grace! how sweet the sound





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 | 718

God of our fathers



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 Gene and Connie Griner in thanksgiving for our grandchildren.

JUNE 30 SERVICE COUNT...... 8:15AM 16 | 10AM 82 | REMOTE 36

OFFICIANTThe Rev. Melanie Barbarito

LAY MINISTERS

VERGER Steven Swanner

ORGANIST Christin Baker

USHERS 8:15am - Paula Boyd

10:30am - Hu Womack, Patrick Rudd

READERS 8:15am - Elizabeth Hansen

10:30am - Martha Stewart, Jim McAdams

ACOLYTES 8:15am - Julie Smith

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

CRUCIFER - Mourine Todd

LEFT TORCH BEARER - Wesley Swanner

RIGHT TORCH BEARER - Micah Ash

GOSPEL BEARER - Caitlyn Todd

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JULY 7, 2024 | YOUR GUIDE TO THE DFMS, PART 6

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.

Episcopalians are passionate about proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ in our words and actions. In fact, every baptized Episcopalian has vowed to proclaim with our words and our lives the loving, liberating, and life-giving Good News of Jesus Christ. Through the spiritual practice of evangelism, we seek, name, and celebrate Jesus' loving presence in the stories of all people— then invite everyone to more. Learn about our Evangelism offerings below.



- Participate in "Centered: A Christian Discipleship Experience" that empowers lay people, transforms lives, and grows Christian communities.
- Start a small group to work through Embracing Evangelism, a partnership between The Episcopal Church and Virginia Theological Seminary.
- · Join the Episcopal agrarian ministries movement and Good News Gardens.
- Dive into the Evangelism Toolkit, laying out the philosophy and spiritual practice of Episcopal evangelism.
- Host or attend an Episcopal revival in your diocese.

The Finance Department is composed of two offices. The Office of the Treasurer manages the operating cash and the longer-term assets of the church, including the endowment portfolio and charitable trusts; oversees administration and management of the triennial budget; and administers the church's socially responsible investments, including Economic Justice loans, refugee loans, and corporate proxy voting. The Office of the Controller records and processes all of the financial transactions for the church; assists



the treasurer in developing and monitoring budgets; works with the church's independent auditors to implement appropriate controls to safeguard assets and resources of the church; and leads the annual audit of financial statements in coordination with independent auditors.

- Review our socially responsible investing information.
- Find scholarship and grant opportunities available for Episcopalians.
- Invest with the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.
- Consult our Manual for Business Methods.

Partnering with God's world to share the love of Jesus. The Office of Global Partnerships seeks to build, nurture, and inspire relationships across The Episcopal Church, the Anglican Communion, and the global community. Grounded in the baptismal covenant, the Office of Global Partnerships provides connections, resources, and opportunities for prayer, companionship, and advocacy to strengthen the church's global mission engagement in our relationships with the Anglican Communion, United Nations, and ecumenical and interreligious organizations.



- Consult the Global Mission Digital Toolkit for use by individuals, small groups, congregations, and dioceses.
- Use "Becoming a World Where Love Is the Way," a four-week study for individuals and groups interested in world mission.
- Read stories from partnership officers, missionaries, and others as they travel and build relationships across the worldwide Anglican Communion.
- · Participate in our programs at the United Nations.

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