



HOLY SPIRIT

Episcopal Church

Where ALL are welcome.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025

The Rt. Reverend Russell Kendrick, Bishop
The Reverend William M. Lowry III, Rector
The Reverend Doctor Steve Campbell, Worship Leader

An Order for the Administration of Communion Under Special Circumstances

This service may be celebrated at a service on Sunday morning or on other occasions with the Bishop's permission. It is intended primarily for rural congregations where no priest is available and not for congregations where there are priests available in nearby towns. This adapted use of Communion Under Special Circumstances is authorized for use beginning July 1, 2021.

The Presider for this liturgy shall be a diocesan licensed Lay Worship Leader or Deacon and is denoted throughout this worship with the title 'Leader'.

The consecrated elements are reverently placed on the altar before the congregation arrives. The elements shall be placed in a chalice and paten unveiled and without a burse. No other vessels or missal shall be placed on the altar.

The Leader begins the service with the following directions,

Dear friends in Christ, we have come together in the presence of God to offer praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive the Word of God, to bring before God the needs of the world and to ask for the forgiveness of our sins. Today the bread and wine for our Communion were consecrated for us prior to our services. For centuries, the church has reserved consecrated elements in order to include those unable, because of infirmity or distance, to be present at Eucharist, and also to include worshipping communities on occasions when no priest is available to preside.

HYMNS FOR 10:30AM SERVICE ONLY

ENTRANCE HYMN

The God of Abraham praise

Hymnal 401



- 1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
- 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
- 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
- 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
- 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



- 1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
- 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
- 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
- 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
- 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

OPENING SENTENCES

The people standing as able, the Leader says

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Leader says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Let us pray.

The congregation prays the collect of the day in unison

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Readings

The people sit.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24

Please read with me the Psalm responsively by half verse. (Responses in bold.)

¹The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *

God reveals himself in glory.

²⁴Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God.”

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they

A licensed lay preacher may comment upon the lessons or the occasion. Alternatively, the congregation may be invited to share their reactions to the text.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand as able.

Leader As able, let us stand and affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing as able.

Leader: Christ has promised that it is God's good pleasure to give us the kingdom: Gracious and Holy One, awaken us to hope and action, that we may live by faith and spread your charity and love for all humanity, as we pray: God calls the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. God will come and will not keep silence.

Litanist: Loving One, let your Church be dressed for action, enlightened and alert for your coming into the world, that we may open the door to your presence and live even now within the joy of your heavenly wedding banquet. We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; Will, our Rector as he is on sabbatical; Steve, our worship leader and all other clergy and ministers of your church.

God calls the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

God will come and will not keep silence.

Infinite One, you speak to the rulers of the earth and tell them to cease from evil, learn to do good; to seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, and plead for the widow. We pray especially for Donald, our President; Kay, our Governor; Robert, our Mayor and Tony, Mayor of Orange Beach.

God calls the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

God will come and will not keep silence.

Compassionate One, cast away all fear from those who are threatened or oppressed, and fill your children with strong faith, the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen. We pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and Russia, in Israel and Palestine and all victims of violence. Bring your peace to our world. We pray for all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces, both at home and abroad, especially our parishioner Chris.

God calls the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

God will come and will not keep silence.

Gracious One, inspire our community that we may be faithful servants to one another, alert to open the doors of hospitality and friendship.

God calls the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

God will come and will not keep silence.

Loving God, you are our shield and the ground of our hope.
Be with all for whom we pray in intercession, especially our parishioners Cal, Carol, Mike, Norma, Al, Norma, Kimberly, Jane, Jackie, Ava, Dawn, Pam, Daphne, Anne, Sonya, Sara, Evie, Joy, Doris, Amy, Alyson, Ella, Allie, June, Keri, Jan, Peter and all on our prayer list.
Hear our gratefulness for your goodness and generosity to us.
You have prepared a city for those who die in you.
God calls the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
God will come and will not keep silence.

At the conclusion of the prayers, the Leader adds a concluding Collect:
Leader: Empower our faith, O God, so our treasure may rest in your presence, and our hearts may dwell where no thief comes and no moth destroys; help us live within the blessed expectation of your promises. and to be alert for you whenever you come to us at an unexpected hour, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Leader says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.
Leader 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 Leader says
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

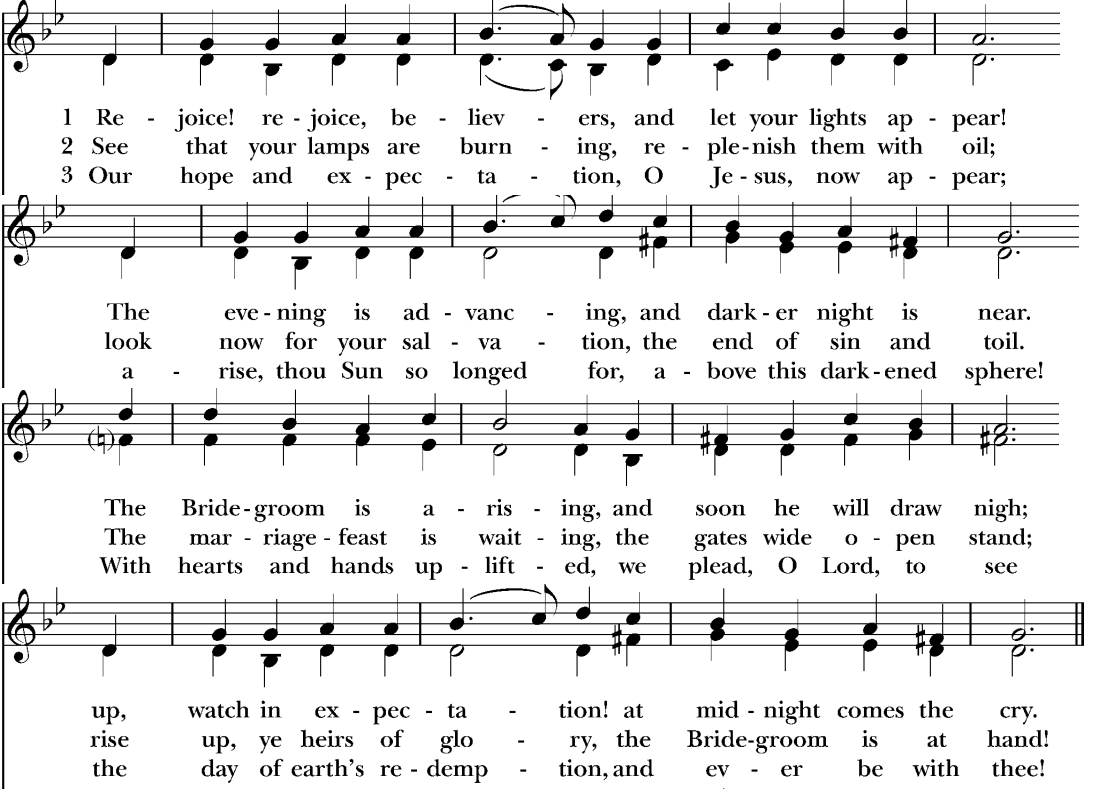
THE PEACE

All stand as able.
Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The people greet each other with signs and words of peace. An offering may be collected for the work of the church at this service, but it shall be placed on the empty altar without ceremony. Minimal preparation is to be made at this time from behind the altar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dan Ratliff
BLESSING OF AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HYMN DURING COLLECTION *Rejoice! rejoice, believers* Hymnal 68



All stand as able. The leader stands in an appointed place near the altar but that is not behind the altar and says:
Sisters and brothers, yesterday/this morning, the bread and wine were consecrated for our use at this service and have been reverently kept that we may share in communion with God and the whole Body of Christ in every place and every time to share the foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet.

Leader Sisters and brothers, the cup of blessing that was blessed
People is the communion of the Blood of Christ.
Leader For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body
People and all made to drink of one Spirit.
Leader The Bread that was broken
People is the Communion of the Body of Christ.
Leader Because there is One Bread
People we who are many are one body, for we all share in the One Bread.
All: Almighty Father, whose dear Son on the night before He suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood; Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, Who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Leader says
So, with all who are gathered together today, everywhere throughout the world, and with the great procession of your Saints, we pray to you as our Savior has taught us:
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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Leader says
This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you; It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here. The gifts of God for the People of God.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Communion is then administered to all who choose to receive. If someone present comes forward but does not wish to receive, it is appropriate to say a brief prayer of intercession for that person, but not to pronounce a blessing. It is appropriate to offer anointing for healing and prayers for intercession before or during the administration of Communion.

COMMUNION HYMN *Let us break bread together on our knees* Hymnal 325

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;_____

2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;_____

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;_____

let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;_____

Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, _____

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

1 2

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;_____

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;_____

Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me._____

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand as able.

Leader Let us pray.

All

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN *How firm a foundation* Hymnal 637

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

DISMISSAL

Leader Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All who seek to know God in a deeper and more meaningful way are welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive the Sacraments, just cross your arms and a blessing will be given instead. Gluten free communion wafers are available. Please ask the priest as communion is distributed.

NURSERY: We provide a nursery for your convenience for infants and children up to 4 years old. The nursery opens at 9am. We invite you to bring your child back from the nursery for communion, preferably during the Peace and Announcements.

Those for whom we pray: **Cal & Carol Hanson, Mike & Norma Minchew,** Katherine Stribling (Jan Waggoner), Marilyn Lewis (Lillian Bemis), Carrietta Nelson (Lillian Bemis), **Al Vondrasek, Norma Black-Glossop,** Kathi Dolder (Sue Wiggins), Judi Kuntz (Ann Lofaro), **Kimberly Worthy,** Deloma Bigham (Rhonda Barber), Laura Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), **Jane Taylor,** Jayne Sharp (Lillian Bemis), Abe & Dianne Kattawar (Rose Johnson), Lisa Kanuth (Kimberly Worthy), Mikki Stanley (Kimberly Worthy), Nancy Jones (Marilyn & Bobby Quinn), Terry Kilpatrick (Lillian Bemis), **Jackie Jabour, Ava Trivett,** Debbie, Dave, Eloise & Gigi Welch (Margaret Divito), Mary Ruth Burnes (Lillian Bemis), Valerie Wilk (Lillian Bemis), **Dawn Johnson, Pam Webster, Daphne Grimsley, Anne Meydrech,** Matthew Gilbertson (Sam Nelson), **Sonya Urquhart,** Kimberly & Ken Brand (Jan Waggoner), Justin Requena (Carolyn Towery), **Sara Walker,** Helen Lauderdale & family (Witt Lauderdale), **Evie Loftin,** Joyce Marie Borck (Norma Black-Glossop), Melissa Mackey (Lillian Bemis), **Joy Howell, Doris Kimmerlin,** Sherry Jo Johnson (Rose Johnson), Melinda DeGraw (Evie Loftin), Nancy & Mark Varljen (Jan Waggoner), Pat Pickett (Rose Johnson), A.M. Speed (Bobby & Marilyn Quinn), **Amy Pride, Alyson, Ella & Allie Signa,** Charlotte Green & the Green Family, **June Hayles, Keri McIntosh,** Tim Worthy (Lillian Bemis), Jerrica Stallings (John & Karan Stomps), **Jan Waggoner,** Jack Pickett (Rose Johnson), Audra Mund (Ellie Brandon), **Peter Davis**

For all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces: Phil Gurney (USN), Blake Buskens (USA), Charlie Conner (USA), **Chris Miller (GSPD),** Joseph Callaway (USN), Savannah Kichler Isenburg (USAF), Jacob Wetzler (USN), Luc Lau (USM), Jack Taylor (USN), Snap Nelson (USMCR), Callaway Williamson (USN), Cailan Ross Ashley (USCG), Joshua Cooper (USA), Margaret Lloyd (USN), Aiden Rivera (USA)

In Thanksgiving for Birthdays in August: John Pierce (3rd), Sonya Urquhart (7th), Greyson Casey (9th), Jamie Poole (10th), Janice Osborn (14th), Brenda Johnson (15th), Felicia Meehan (16th), Laura Hill (20th)

In Thanksgiving for Anniversaries in August: Janet & Chuck Rumbley (12th), Nancy & Steve Campbell (14th), Amanda & Kelby Prince (25th), Pamela Webster & Peter Davis (27th)

Servers

8am-Chalice Bearer- Dan Ratliff **10:30am- Youth Acolyte-** Elton Howell
Chalice Bearer-David Adams

Lectors-8am-Nancy Campbell & Dec McClelland

10:30am-Dave Liebenow & Millie Ericson

Ushers- 8am- Dec McClelland **10:30am-** Dick & Lee Reid

Altar Guild- Judy Allen, Joy Branch, Nancy Campbell, June Hayles,
Fr Bill Ericson, Leah Reader, Tomi Bree Shaw

Flower Guild- Rhonda Barber

Beadle- Dan Ratliff

Vestry

Dave Liebenow ('26), Sr. Warden

Joe Barber ('26)

Sam Nelson ('25), Jr. Warden

Millie Ericson ('27)

Nancy Campbell ('25), Clerk

Brenda Johnson ('27)

John Stomps ('25)

Dan Ratliff ('27)

David Adams ('26)

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