



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

10:30am

The Rt. Reverend Russell Kendrick, Bishop  
The Reverend William M. Lowry III, Rector

# The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

ENTRANCE HYMN *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more* Hymnal 296

## The Word of God

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*The Celebrant may say*

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.*

### SONG OF PRAISE

*Glory to God*

Hymnal S 278

*The following is sung, all standing as able*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The people sit.*

## **The Lessons**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18**

A Reading from the book of Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

## PSALM: Psalm 148

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

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*

**praise him in the heights.**

<sup>2</sup>Praise him, all you angels of his; \*

**praise him, all his host.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon; \*

**praise him, all you shining stars.**

<sup>4</sup>Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*

**and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*

**for he commanded, and they were created.**

<sup>6</sup>He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*

**he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, \*

**you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

<sup>8</sup>Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*

**tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

<sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills, \*

**fruit trees and all cedars;**

<sup>10</sup>Wild beasts and all cattle, \*

**creeping things and wingèd birds;**

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*

**princes and all rulers of the world;**

<sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens, \*

**old and young together.**

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*

**for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.**

<sup>14</sup>He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, \*

**the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,

coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

**GRADUAL HYMN**    *Light's abode, celestial Salem (Regent Square)*    Hymnal 621  
*All stand as able.*

Light's abode, celestial Salem, vision whence true peace doth spring,  
brighter than the heart can fancy, mansion of the highest King;  
O how glorious are the praises which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever alleluia is outpoured;  
for unending, for unbroken is the feast-day of the Lord;  
all is pure and all is holy that within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud nor passing vapor dims the brightness of the air;  
endless noonday, glorious noonday, from the Sun of suns is there;  
there no night brings rest from labor, for unknown are toil and care.

O how glorious and resplendent, fragile body, shalt thou be,  
when endued with heavenly beauty, full of health, and strong, and free,  
full of vigor, full of pleasure that shall last eternally!

Now with gladness, now with courage, bear the burden on thee laid,  
that hereafter these thy labors may with endless gifts be paid,  
and in everlasting glory thou with brightness be arrayed.

## **GOSPEL: John 13:31-35**

*All stand as able.*

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

[At the last supper, when Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **THE SERMON**

The Reverend Will Lowry

*Brief moment of silence to follow.*

## **THE CREED**

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*All stand as able.*

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.*

*Celebrant: Gracious and loving God, you have glorified the Son of Man and taught us to love one another even as Christ loves us: Manifest your love in us as we bring before you the prayers of your people, saying: Let us praise your Name, O God, for your splendor is over earth and heaven.*

Litanist: Holy and Living God, you have baptized your Church in the Holy Spirit: Grant us such love toward all people, that we may acknowledge your Spirit wherever it is manifested, may love one another, and never call profane those whom you have made clean. We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; Will, our Rector; and all other clergy and ministers of your church.  
Let us praise your Name, O God,

**for your splendor is over earth and heaven.**



Let the rulers of the earth, judges and leaders of the world praise your goodness, O God, that justice and peace may prevail. We pray especially for Donald, our President; Kay, our Governor; Robert, our Mayor and Tony, Mayor of Orange Beach.

Let us praise your Name, O God,

**for your splendor is over earth and heaven.**

You are making all things new, O Holy One: Let the sun and moon and shining stars sing praise; the earth and sea-monsters and all deeps, sing praise; fire and hail, snow and fog, mountain and hills, wild beasts and winged birds, sing praise.

Let us praise your Name, O God,

**for your splendor is over earth and heaven.**

You have promised that you will dwell with us as our God, to wipe away every tear and to banish hunger and thirst: Let your home be among mortals, that your love may triumph in this community, this nation, and throughout the world. 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.

Let us praise your Name, O God,

**for your splendor is over earth and heaven.**

Guide us to the springs of the water of life as we bring to you our prayers for those who are ill or suffering from any need or affliction, especially our parishioners Cal, Carol, Mike, Norma, Betty, Al, Norma, Kimberly, Wiley, Jane, Jackie, Ava, Dawn, Pam, Daphne, Anne, Sonya, Sara, Evie, Joy, Doris, Amy, Alyson, Ella, Allie and all on our prayer list.

You have raised up strength for your people and praise for all your children; accept our grateful thanksgiving.

You have brought into your presence those who have come out of the great ordeal, and you have clothed them in white to dwell with you where death will be no more: We remember those who have died.

Let us praise your Name, O God,

**for your splendor is over earth and heaven.**

*Celebrant: You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and end, O God:  
Accept our prayers on behalf of all creation and strengthen us in your love, that we  
may honor your Spirit filling the entire earth, through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

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*The Celebrant says*

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 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**

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*All stand as able.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY

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*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Make a Joyful Noise*

J. Peeks & V. Farnsworth

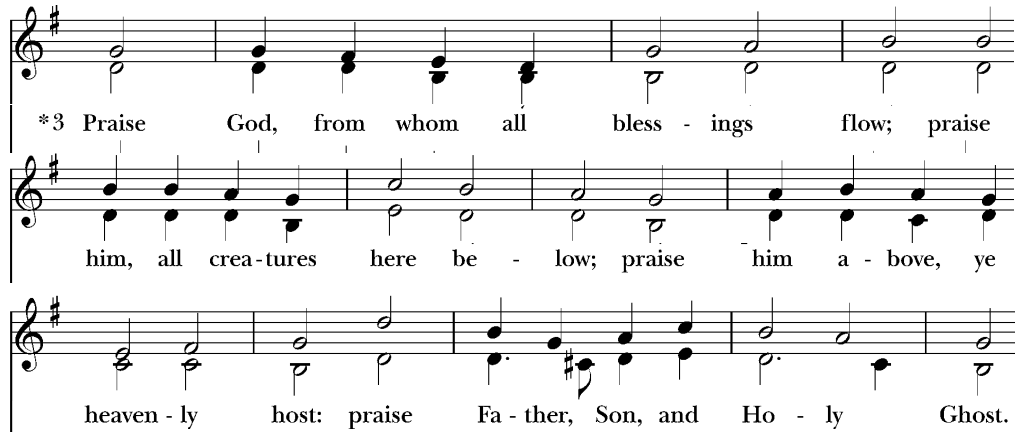
*Celebrant*

All things come of thee O Lord

*People*

And of thine own have we given thee.

## DOXOLOGY



\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

# The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer A

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*The People remain standing as able.*

*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 him thanks and praise.

*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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**SANCTUS**

*Holy, holy, holy*

Hymnal S 128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

*People and Celebrant*

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 Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

### FRACTION ANTHEM

### *Jesus, Lamb of God*

Hymnal S164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

## INVITATION

*The Celebrant 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.

## DISTRIBUTION

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. Wine may be received by drinking from the chalice or by intinction.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

## COMMUNION HYMN

*I come with joy to meet my Lord*

Hymnal 304



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest* Hymnal 306

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;  
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,  
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,  
 nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
 thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:  
 one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;  
 who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;  
 thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest  
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:  
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,  
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;  
 in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.  
 faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.  
 with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.  
 be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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.



## BLESSING

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

As you leave this place, go forth in peace. Be assured that the past is forgiven and know that the future is in God's hands. Return no evil for evil, remember the poor, pray for the sick, and make no peace with injustice in this world. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### *O praise ye the Lord*

Hymnal 432

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;  
2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth;  
\*3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;  
4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;  
in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;  
each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;  
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,  
praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,  
loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,  
For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.  
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.  
and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.  
for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

## DISMISSAL

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*Celebrant*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## 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. 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), **Wiley Ashley,** 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 Kot (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), Margaret Pickering (Rhonda Barber), Melinda DeGraw (Evie Loftin), Nancy & Mark Varljen (Jan Waggoner), Pat Pickett (Rose Johnson), A.M. Speed (Bobby & Marilyn Quinn), Pete Overshiner (Ellie Brandon), Ashby Jones (Millie Ericson), Amy Pride, **Alyson, Ella & Allie Signa,** Charlotte Green & the Green Family

**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), Zachary Russell (USAF), Cailan Ross Ashley (USCG), Joshua Cooper (USA), Margaret Lloyd (USN)

**In Thanksgiving for Birthdays in May:** Joy Howell (12<sup>th</sup>), Tomi Shaw (13<sup>th</sup>), Joe Barber (16<sup>th</sup>), David Adams (24<sup>th</sup>), Crawford Prince (26<sup>th</sup>)

**In Thanksgiving for Anniversaries in May:** Donna & Joe Funderburg (19<sup>th</sup>), Lee & Dick Reid (21<sup>st</sup>)

### **Servers**

**Acolyte/Chalice Bearer-** David Adams

**Lectors-** Jessie Ganpot & Fr. Bill Ericson

**Ushers-** Joy Branch & Vic DeFiori

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

**Flower Guild-** Brenda Johnson

**Beadle-** Margaret DiVito

**Outreach Grants Awarded-**The Holy Spirit Episcopal Thrift Shop is an excellent outreach program that serves the gulf coast community. Donations generate income that is used to support local charities and nonprofits along the Gulf Coast. Fifty percent of Thrift Shop net income is allocated for grant requests each quarter. At the end of Quarter 1 2025, funds available for grants totaled \$63,289. The Thrift Shop and Outreach Committees and Vestry approved the following grant requests:

- Beckwith Camp & Conference Center \$20,000
- Christian Service Center \$5,000
- Rapahope Children's Retreat Foundation \$5,488
- Sea Glass Initiative \$10,000
- Wilmer Hall \$10,000

The remaining \$2,801 has been allocated to the following:

- Grace Lutheran Food Bank \$500
- Rector's Discretionary Fund \$1,500
- Carry forward to next quarter \$801

Total grants awarded since the Thrift Shop opened in 2010 total \$1,269,574.75.

Thrift Shop staff, volunteers, and donations make the thrift shop a success every day!

If you feel called to help this ministry continue doing God's work, please reach out to Kim Payne, manager of the thrift shop, 251-968-2797.

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