



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 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.

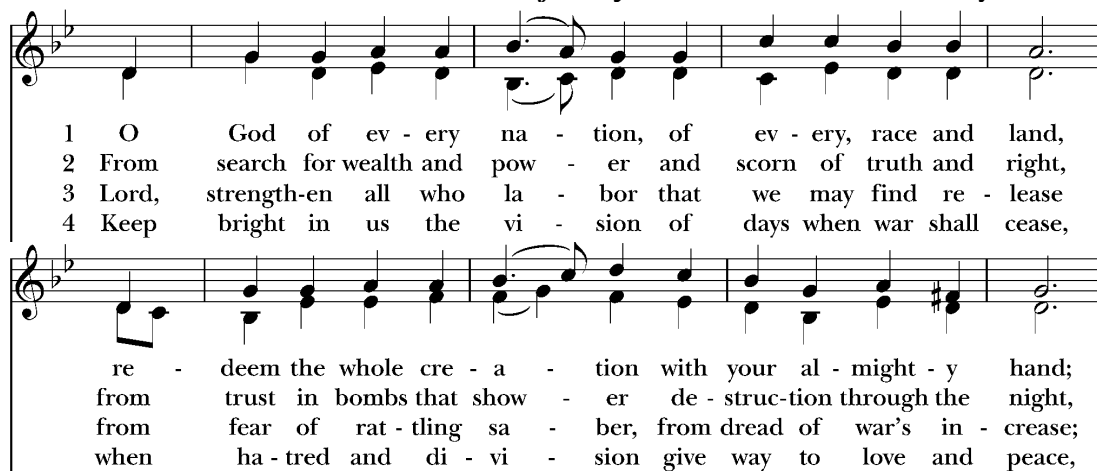
The Leader begins the service with the following directions,

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN

O God of every nation

Hymnal 607



1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery, race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that we may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and na - tion and blind-ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

OPENING SENTENCES

The people standing, 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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 16:9-15

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67

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

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us, *

show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

²Let your ways be known upon earth, *

your saving health among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *

**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought forth her increase; *

may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

⁷May God give us his blessing, *

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

THE SECOND LESSON: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

In the spirit [the angel] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

1. Sing the won-drous love of Je-sus, Sing His mer-cy and His grace;
 2. While we walk the pil-grim path-way, Clouds will o-ver-spread the sky;
 3. Let us then be true and faith-ful, Trust-ing, serv-ing ev-'ry day;
 4. On-ward to the prize be-fore us! Soon His beau-ty we'll be-hold;

1. In the man-sion bright and bless-ed, He'll pre-pare for us a place.
 2. But when trav-'ling days are o-ver, Not a shad-ow, not a sigh.
 3. Just one glimpse of Him in glo-ry Will the toils of life re-pay;
 4. Soon the pearl-y gates will o-pen; We shall tread the streets of gold.

When we all get to heav-en, What a
 day of re-joic-ing that will be! When we all see
 Je-sus, We'll sing and shout, and shout the vic-to-ry.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:23-29

A Reading from The Gospel according to John.

Because this is not a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the congregation shall remain seated during the reading of the Gospel

Jesus [said to Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. “I have said these things to you while I

am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Dr. Steve Campbell

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: You have promised to come to us and to make your home with us, O Gracious One, and you have sent the Advocate, the Holy Spirit to dwell with us forever: Hear our intercession for your whole creation, as we pray: Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Litanist: You have given Christ's peace to your Church and sent the Holy Spirit to be with us: Let the peoples praise you, O God, that we may spread your light and your healing presence throughout the world. We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; Will, our Rector; and all other clergy and ministers of your church.

Let your ways be known upon earth,

your saving health among all nations.

Guide the nations to walk by the light of your holy city and lead all rulers to bring their glory into your presence, Eternal One: Inspire all who serve in positions of power or authority, that they may be servants of your healing justice. We pray

especially for Donald, our President; Kay, our Governor; Robert, our Mayor and Tony, Mayor of Orange Beach.

Let your ways be known upon earth,

your saving health among all nations.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and you guide all the peoples upon earth: Cast out fear and trouble from all hearts, and lead humanity to the river of the water of life. 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 your ways be known upon earth,

your saving health among all nations.

Embolden us with your vision for us that we may speak to others of your goodness and grace and may draw them into your community.

Let your ways be known upon earth,

your saving health among all nations.

Comfort all in need with the healing leaves of the tree of life, as we remember 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.

Hear our thanksgiving and praise for all of your blessings.

Bring into your eternal presence those who have died and write their names into the Lamb's book of life.

Let your ways be known upon earth,

your saving health among all nations.

At the conclusion of the prayers, the Leader adds a concluding Collect:

You have given us a vision of the holy city where you, O God, will be our temple and our light, and the Lamb will be our lamp: Send your Holy Spirit into our lives that we may live in your love and dwell in your peace until all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you, for ever 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.

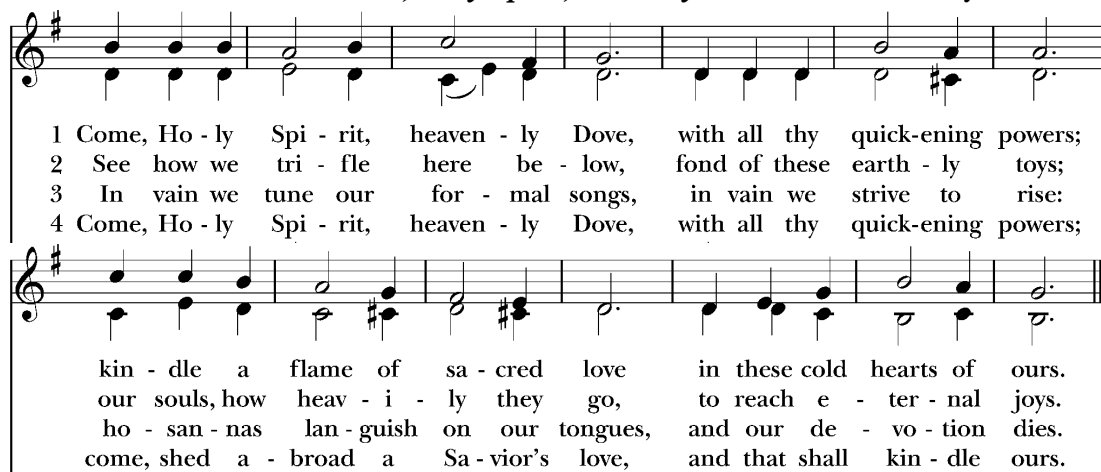
The people greet each other with signs and words of peace. An offering may be collected for the work of the church at this service, but it shall be placed on the empty altar without ceremony. Minimal preparation is to be made at this time from behind the altar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN DURING THE COLLECTION

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove

Hymnal 510



1 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;
2 See how we tri - fle here be - low, fond of these earth - ly toys;
3 In vain we tune our for - mal songs, in vain we strive to rise:
4 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;

kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.
our souls, how heav - i - ly they go, to reach e - ter - nal joys.
ho - san - nas lan - guish on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.
come, shed a - broad a Sa - vior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

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

I want to walk as a child of the light

Hymnal 490

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.

2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.

3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.

I want to look at Je-sus.

I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The

Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and

When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.

show me the way to the Fa-ther.

shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The

night and the day are both a-like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci-t-y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

COMMUNION HYMN

I've Got Peace Like a River

LEVAS 201

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
2. I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a
3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

1. riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my
2. foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain in my
3. o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my

1. soul; _____ I've got riv - er in my soul. _____
2. soul; _____ I've got foun - tain in my soul. _____
3. soul; _____ I've got o - cean in my soul. _____

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 *God of our fathers, whose almighty hand* Hymnal 718

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
 way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay
 thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 thy bount - eous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

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. 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 (12th), Tomi Shaw (13th), Joe Barber (16th), David Adams (24th), Crawford Prince (26th)

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

Servers

Acolyte/Chalice Bearer-

8am-John Stomps

10:30am-David Adams

Lectors-

8am-Nancy Campbell & John Stomps

10:30am-Alysha Miller & Millie Ericson

Ushers-

8am-Dan & Dawn Ratliff

10:30am-Brenda Johnson & Tomi Bree Shaw

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

Flower Guild-Rose Johnson

Beadle- Dan Ratliff

Vestry

Dave Liebenow ('26), Sr. Warden

Sam Nelson ('25), Jr. Warden

Nancy Campbell ('25), Clerk

John Stomps ('25)

David Adams ('26)

Joe Barber ('26)

Margaret DiVito ('27)

Millie Ericson ('27)

Dan Ratliff ('27)

Staff

The Rev. Will Lowry-Rector

The Rev. Dr. Steve Campbell, Assisting Worship Leader

Dr. Julian Jesubatham-Music Director

Greg Engell-Assistant Music Director

Morgen Szapiel-Parish Administrator

Ivee Lowry-Day School Director

Kim Payne-Thrift Shop Manager

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.

