



June 6, 2021

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

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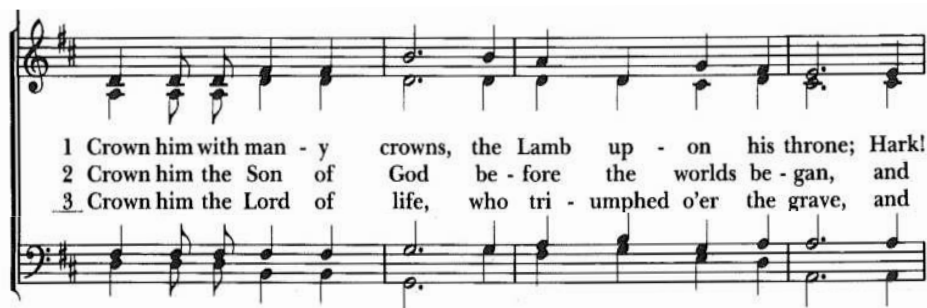
Welcome to the Church of the Holy Comforter

Welcome! We're glad you're here. As an act of love and care for others, and also following the CDC guidelines, masks are required as is social distancing. Only every other row is available for seating.

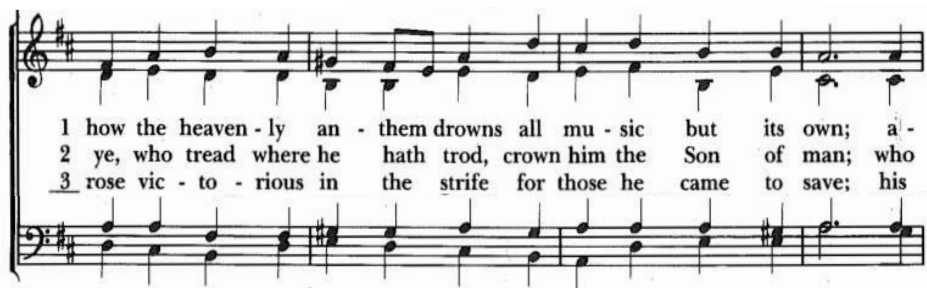
At the Procession

Crown him with many crowns

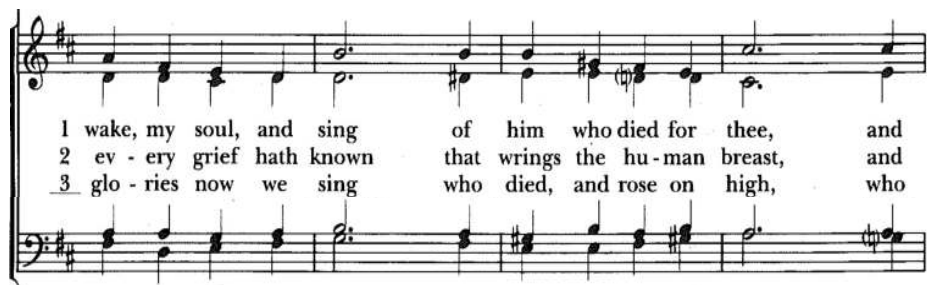
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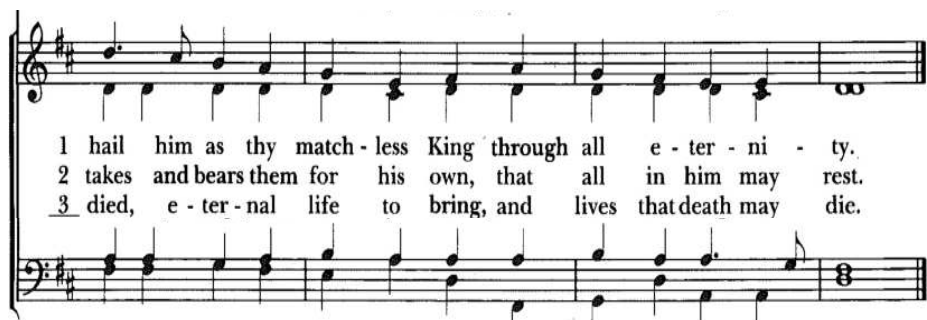
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and



1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his



1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who



1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

The Word of God

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson

1 Samuel:8:4-20, 11:14-15

Introduction to the Lesson

After seeing a vision of God's glory, Isaiah despairs that he is unworthy. But when an angel takes away his sins, he asks to be sent forth as God's servant.

A reading from the First Book of Samuel:

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this

day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.” So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Psalm 138

*The Psalm will be said responsively by whole verse,
alternating each verse with the Lector who reads first*

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 4: 13-5:1

Introduction to the Lesson

The Apostle Paul says the same faith that sustains him in his work prepares the faithful for an eternal glory beyond all comparison, for only the things which are unseen are eternal.

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture - "I believed, and so I spoke" - we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not

lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

The children follow the crucifer out for The Story Gathering on the Lower Level. They rejoin their families at The Peace.

The Gospel Hymn

Be thou my vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in my dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

Introduction to the Lesson

Those who say Jesus cast out demons through the help of Satan are told that their sin is unpardonable, for they have refused to see in Jesus' wondrous deeds the actions of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark:
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 worshipped 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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Frank our Bishop; and all
bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (Intercessions
for healing) Hear us Lord
For your mercy is great.

We thank you Lord for all the blessings of this life. For those with
special celebrations (Intercessions for thanksgiving). We will exalt you,
O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your
eternal kingdom. (Intercessions for the departed) Lord, let your loving
kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

The Confession and Absolution

*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 upon us and
forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to
the glory of your Name. Amen*

Celebrant: 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 Please remain in your seats for the exchange of the peace.


Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Offertory Hymn

He is exalted

(♩ = 62)



He is ex - alt - ed the King is ex - alt - ed on high; I will
praise him. He is ex - alt - ed for - ev - er ex - alt - ed and I will
praise his name! He is the Lord, for -
ev - er his truth shall reign; hea - ven and earth re - joice in his Ho - ly
name. He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high.

The Mission of Holy Comforter

Love God, Love Others

Serve God, Serve Others

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A *Also found on page 361 in The Book of Common Prayer*

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.*

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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. —

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in the 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 forever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Gluten Free Communion Bread: *If you have a dietary restrictions and need gluten free communion bread, just ask the server for Gluten Free bread when you come to receive.*

Communion Hymn

Holy Ground



1. This is ho - ly ground, we're stand - ing on ho - ly ground, For the
 2. These are ho - ly hands, He's giv - en us ho - ly hands, He works
 3. These are ho - ly lips, He's giv - en us ho - ly lips, He speaks
 4. These are ho - ly ears, He's giv - en us ho - ly ears, He speaks



- 5 Lord is pre - sent and where He is, is ho - ly. This is
 through these hands, and so these hands are ho - ly. These are
 through these lips, and so these lips are ho - ly. These are
 to these ears, and so these ears are ho - ly. These are



- 9 ho - ly ground, we're stand - ing on Ho - ly ground, For the
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- 13 Lord is pre - sent, and where He is, is ho - ly.
 through these hands, and so these hands are ho - ly.
 through these lips and so these lips are ho - ly.
 to these ears and so these ears are ho - ly.

Communion Hymn

Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and

The first system of the hymn is written in treble and bass staves. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and".

ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks-giv - ing, I'll be a

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks-giv - ing, I'll be a".

liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for You.

The third system concludes the hymn. The lyrics are: "liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for You." The piece ends with a double bar line.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand and remain standing through the closing hymn

Celebrant and People: *Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Blessing and the Dismissal

Celebrant: Always remember how short life is and how little time we have to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

(The dismissal is said after the closing hymn. Children are invited to help the clergy with the dismissal at the back of the church.)

Priest: Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

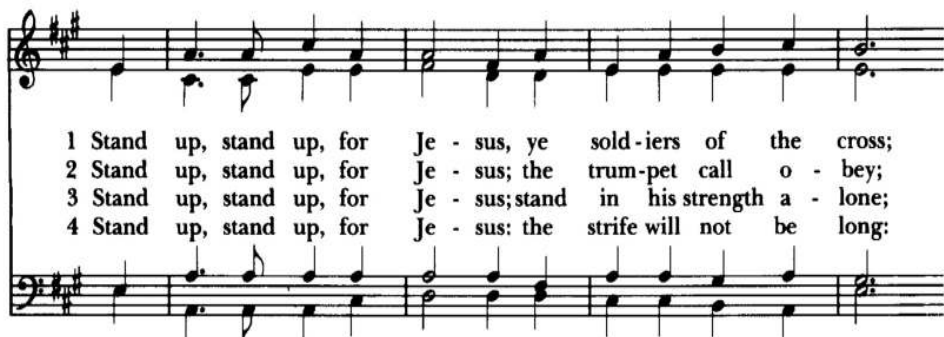
People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Recessional

Stand up, stand up for Jesus

Recessional

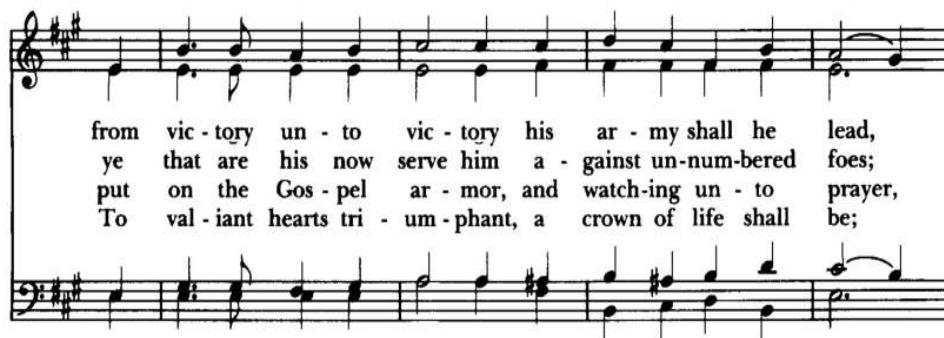
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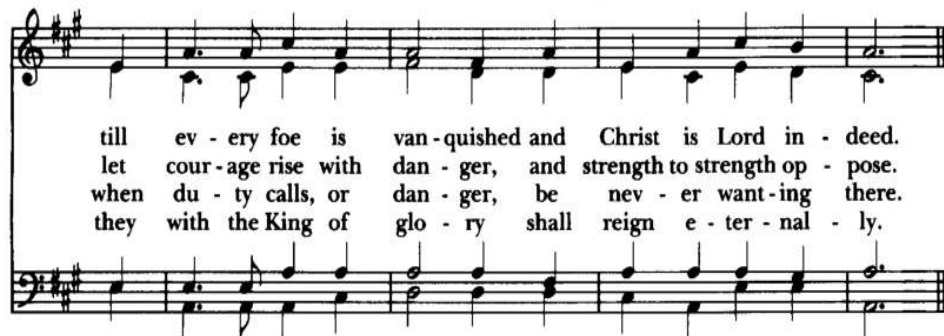
1 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus, ye sold - iers of the cross;
 2 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bey;
 3 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus; stand in his strength a - lone;
 4 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus: the strife will not be long:



lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss:
 forth to the might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day:
 the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:
 this day, the noise of bat - tle; the next, the vic - tor's song.



from vic - tory un - to vic - tory his ar - my shall he lead,
 ye that are his now serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 put on the Gos - pel ar - mor, and watch - ing un - to prayer,
 To val - iant hearts tri - um - phant, a crown of life shall be;



till ev - ery foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.
 let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
 when du - ty calls, or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
 they with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Words: George Duffield, Jr. (1818-1888), alt.

Music: *Morning Light*, George James Webb (1803-1887)

Welcome to Holy Comforter—We're Glad You're Here!

Our first joy is to welcome our guests and newcomers. An usher can assist you with any questions. Like to be on our mailing list? Please sign our guest register.

Do you want to be part of Holy Comforter? Call the parish office (706-210-1133) and we'll be glad to help you. *Also, please make sure that we have your e-mail address to receive our weekly E-News*

Next Sunday—A Bluegrass Mass!



Join us for A Bluegrass Mass next Sunday June 13 at 10:30 am. Luke Teague and his banjo will be with us along with other members of The Rae's Creek Revival. They will be playing such beloved and familiar bluegrass hymns as "I'll Fly Away" and "Will the Circle Be Unbroken" and more. Bring your friends for our first ever Bluegrass Mass.

Guest Preacher for the Bluegrass Mass

The Rev. Canon Joshua Varner will be our guest preacher next Sunday joining The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor as the celebrant. Joshua is the Canon for Children and Youth for our diocese and has been working with the pastor and others on those ministry areas this weekend.

Children's Ministry Time

We will continue to have our children's program through the month of June. This takes place during the sermon time and the children return for the Eucharist.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry and anyone who wants to socialize meet every Tuesday from 10:00am-11:30am in the Parish Hall.

Upcoming Youth Events:
Lake Day at Mistletoe State Park

July 24: Lake Day at Mistletoe State Park We have booked a picnic shelter at Mistletoe State Park for the day. We have a boat for rides and tubing and will be firing up the grill. More details soon.

So what else is happening in our youth program? On an interim basis, the pastor is stepping into the role of director of youth ministries, something very close to her heart and which she did before starting Holy Comforter. If you have ideas about our program share them with The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor (Cindy+) at pastor@holycomforterchurch.org.

Ways to Give

You can make a gift to Holy Comforter in a variety of ways:

- Use the Square Reader in the foyer for debit/credit cards
- Go to our website, click giving and use Pay Pal
- Make checks out to Holy Comforter and/or give cash and put it in the offertory plate on Sunday.
- Remember Holy Comforter in your will.
- For those with an IRA account, consider using your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) as a way to give.
- All gifts are tax deductible

May Financial Report

The \$32,260 PPP Loan was awarded and spent in 2020
and forgiven as a Grant in April 2021

Actual Revenue as of May 31, 2021	\$146,829.29
Actual Expenses as of May 31, 2021	<u>\$136,763.75</u>
Surplus/Deficit as of May 31, 2021	\$10,065.54

Prayers of the People

Persons remain on the list for two weeks; those with chronic needs continue to be prayed for by our Prayer Chain. You may add prayer requests at the lectern in the foyer.

For those in need of healing: Joyce Shaw, Paulie Kane, Christy Skalak, Travis Frasier, Pat Blanchard, States Fort, and Katie Moseley Shepherd

For those celebrating birthdays: Rachel Beal, Denver Hubert, Michael Hahn, Caroline Kimbrough, Joyce Shaw, Michelle Anthony, and Brooke Belair

For those celebrating anniversaries: Scotty Nead and Susan Porterfield

Thanksgiving for our partnership with Martinez Elementary School, The Claiborne, and 143 Ministries.

For those who are homebound: Donna Garvey and Joan Jackson

For the safety of all those who serve abroad, including Will Liebel.

For all who have died for the Christian Faith and for those who have persecuted them.

Missions and Prayer

Prayer Shawl Ministries: This ministry makes shawls which are given to anyone with a prayer need.

Ministering to the needy of Columbia County. We need toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, tooth paste, tooth brushes, soap, detergent, feminine needs, dish wash, soap, and shampoo. Place those items in the kitchen in the marked container. And thanks!

Serving Today

Preacher/Celebrant
Lay Eucharistic Ministers
Reader
Altar Guild
Altar Bread
Ushers
Vestry Person of the Day

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor
Jenny Frey
Linda Bargeron
Karen Sheppard
Linda Bargeron
Stew and Arielle Kremer
Dave Blake

Staff

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor, Pastor
Vivian Vaiden, Church Administrator
Lara Fort, Financial Secretary
Cheryl Spessert, Children's Ministry Director
Dr. Brad Green, Music Director

Vestry

Fred Hoogland, Dave Blake, Jr. Warden (Class of 2022)
Mallory Halterman, Bill Liebel (Class of 2023)
Tab Carter, Pam Vanscoy (Class of 2024)

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