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of the
Holy
Comforter

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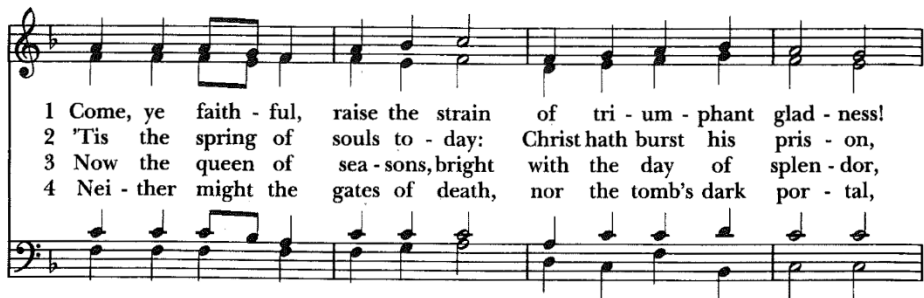
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Welcome to The Church of the Holy Comforter

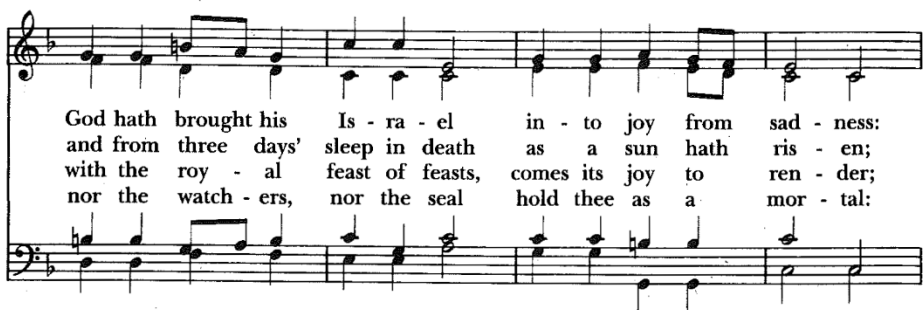
Welcome! We're glad you're here. Parents: The nurseries for infants and toddlers are located on the lower level.

At the Procession

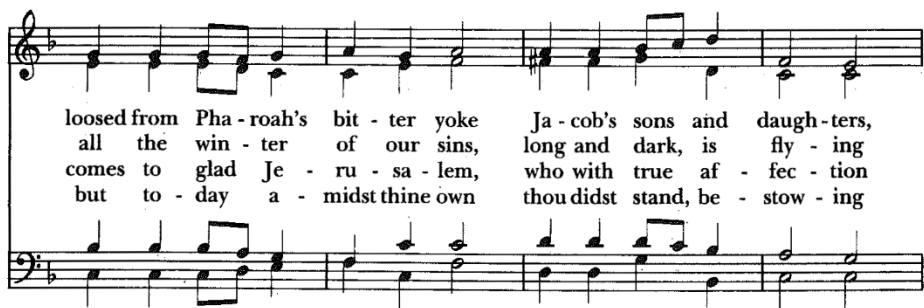
Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain



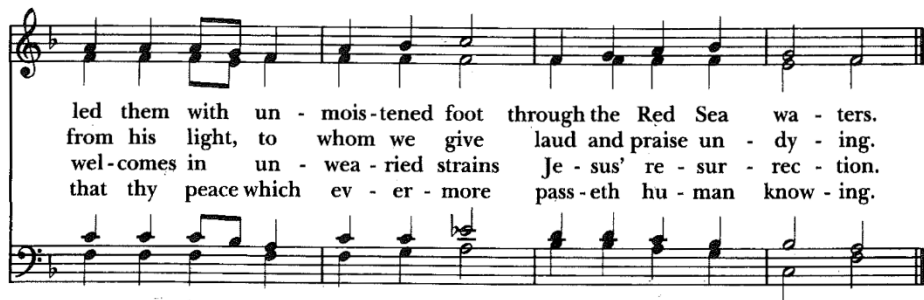
1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - roah's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing



led them with un - mois - tens foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

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.*

Glory be to the Father

The musical score is written for a choir or congregation in a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass). It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men." The score consists of three systems of staves, each with four parts. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music ends with a double bar line.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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.

Introduction to the Lesson

The people lose faith and break their covenant with the Lord by worshipping an idol. Moses pleads with God to spare them from his punishment.

A reading from the Book of Exodus:

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23

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

Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord *
or show forth all his praise?

Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

Introduction to the Lesson

Paul assures new disciples that they already have close fellowship with Christ. He urges them to put aside earthly distractions and focus on their life of faith.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians:

But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord^[c] has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ^[d] dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.^[e] And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand for the Gospel Hymn and the reading of the Gospel. Sing verses 1-2 before the Gospel and verses 3-4 after the Gospel.

Gospel Hymn

Come Holy Spirit

1 Come, Ho-ly Spi-rit, heaven-ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;
2 See how we tri-ble 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.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: *Saint Agnes*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

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The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22: 1-14

Introduction to the Lesson

Jesus uses a parable of a marriage feast to stress the importance of being prepared for the coming of the kingdom. Our invitation can come at any time.

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my

oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Glenn A. Palmer

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 Sean our Presiding Bishop, Frank our Bishop, Glenn our priest, and
all other bishops and ministers; for our companion diocese, The
Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic;
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

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

People: *And also with you.*



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

Offertory Hymn

Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart

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Unison

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One, give

1, 3

thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ his Son. Give

2, 4

Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong"; let the

poor say "I am rich" be-cause of what the Lord has done for

1, 3 2 D. S. last time

us. And us. Give us. Give thanks!

An Acclamation of Thanksgiving for God's Gifts

Celebrant: All things come from you O Lord

People: *And of your own have we given you.*

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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: 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 all 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 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 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: This is the table not of the Church but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him 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 here long. You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come because it is the Lord who invites you. It is the Lord’s will that those who desire Jesus should meet him here at this table.

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.

Receiving communion: All are welcome at God’s table. If you would like to receive the wine by common cup, go to the right. If you would like to receive by intinction, go to the left.

Prayer Team: If you would like a member of the Prayer Team to pray with you for any need in body, mind, or spirit, go to the back of the church after receiving communion and members of the Prayer Team will pray with you.

Communion Music

Come and Find a Quiet Center



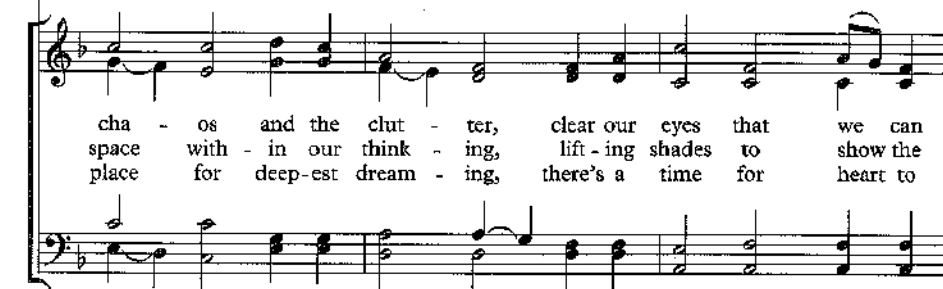
1. Come and find the quiet cen - ter in the
 2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the
 3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen



crowd - ed life we lead, find the room for hope to
 heat and slows our pace, God it is who speaks and
 to each oth - er's pain, let our loves and fears un -



en - ter, find the frame where we are freed: Clear the
 names us, knows our be - ing, touch - es base, mak - ing
 rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain: There's a



cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes that we can
 space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the
 place for deep - est dream - ing, there's a time for heart to



see all the things that real - ly
 sun, rais - ing cour - age when we're
 care, in the Spir - it's live - ly

mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.

Communion Hymn

All in All

1. You are my strength when I am weak, You are the trea - sure that I
2. Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my shame, Ris - ing a - gain I bless Your

seek; You are my all in all. Seek - ing You as a pre - cious
name; You are my all in all. When I fall down, You pick me

jewel, Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool; You are my all in all.
up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!

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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)

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

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

The Mission of Holy Comforter

Love God, Love Others

Serve God, Serve Others

Recessional

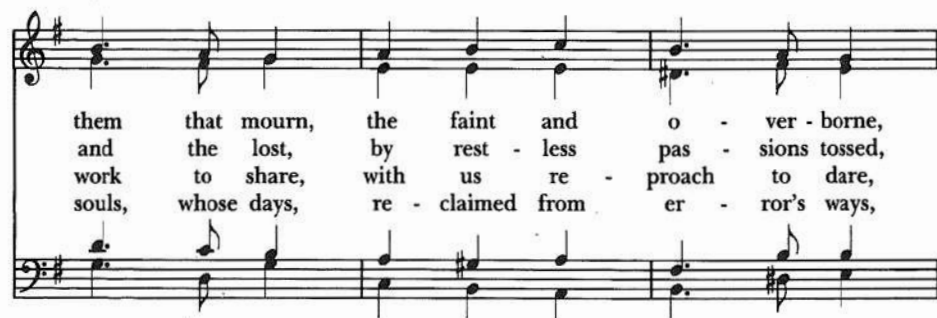
Christ for the World We Sing



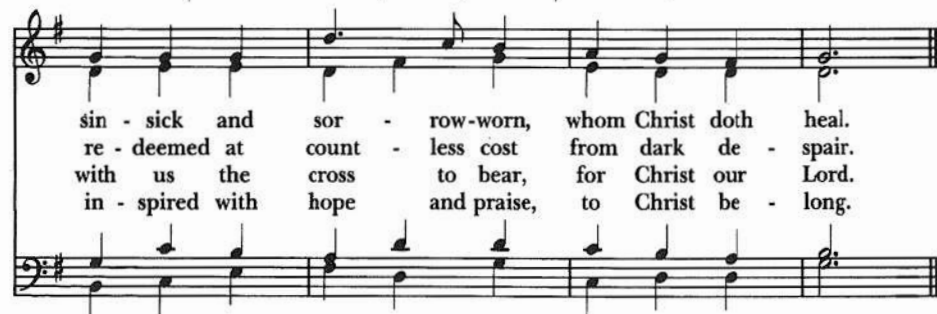
1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
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Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and
 Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward
 Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the
 Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born



them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,
 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,



sin - sick and sor - row-worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

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 (706-834-6228) 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.*

Town Hall Meeting: After Worship

Today after worship, the vestry will host a Town Hall meeting as a follow up to our parish-wide survey. We are interested in hearing from others in terms of a vision for Holy Comforter moving into the future. We will have a luncheon during the meeting. All are invited to stay!

Trunk or Treat: Next Sunday

Join us for Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 18 following worship in the upper parking lot!

We need your help to create some fall fun for our children and families! Church members are invited to decorate their cars, fill their trunks with treats, and join us in handing out candy. Decorations can be as simple or creative as you'd like—pick a theme, add a few festive touches, or go all out! Sign up in the lobby. Please see Laura Knight if you have questions.

The Book Club

The Book Club meets Wednesday, October 14th at 11:00am in the Parish Hall to discuss *Mostly What God Does* by Savannah Guthrie. This collection of essays explores the role of faith in everyday life deepening our connection with God. All are welcome.

Threads of Comfort

The next meeting of the Threads of Comfort ministry is Thursday, October 15 at 10am in the Parish Hall. If anyone needs blanket supplies, contact Gail Jarrell through text at 706-414-3543.

Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed tomorrow for Columbus Day.

Golden Harvest Volunteers

Meal Serving: Father Glenn is looking for 12 others to serve the lunch meal at The Masters Table from 10:30-12:30pm on Thursday, Oct. 15th. We meet at 702 Fenwick Street in Augusta. No open toed shoes please.

Meal Packing: We are looking for 14 volunteers to pack meals at 3310 Commerce Drive in Augusta on Friday, October 16th from 9:00 - 11:30am. If you would like to serve, contact Father Glenn.

The Rector's Forum

Sunday, October 18th at 9:15am: We continue a discussion of *Grace on the Journey to God* by Father Michael Casey.

Sunday School

Sunday, October 18 at 9:15am: We will explore God's reassurance to Moses that His presence will always go with His people. We'll be reminded that God is with us wherever we go and that we can trust Him every day.

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Sunday, October 18 at 9:15am: Misquoted Messiah: "*God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle*" Following Jesus means listening to what He actually said—not just what culture says about Him. Life can sometimes feel overwhelming, and many people quote this familiar saying as encouragement. We'll discover what the Bible actually teaches about relying on God's strength, accepting help from others, and finding hope when life feels too heavy to carry alone.

EYC Cornerstone Event

All area Episcopal youth groups are invited to "Costumes and the Crypt" Sunday, October 25th from 5-7pm at St. Paul's, 605 Reynolds Street, Augusta. Wear your best costume and bring a friend! RSVP to Aubrey at ahinkson@saintpauls.org or 803-508-1261.

Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday, October 28th at 12pm: Bring your lunch and join the conversation! We meet in the Parish Hall for the Noonday Prayer Service followed by a discussion of the lessons for the approaching Sunday.

Ramblings with the Rector

Wednesday, November 4th at 9am: Join Father Glenn coffee and conversation at the Dunkin Donuts down the street from the church.

Seeking New Treasurer

Church of the Holy Comforter seeks a new treasurer to replace our current one, Michelle Anthony, as she steps aside after many years of faithful service. The Parish Treasurer comes from within the community of Holy Comforter, is a volunteer, signs checks, signs off on the bank reconciliation and does an annual reciprocal internal audit with Saint Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church. There is no deep accounting involved. Please speak with our Senior Warden, Barry Paschal, or Father Glenn if interested in serving our parish in this important ministry.

Mahjong at Holy Comforter

Join us for Mahjong here at Holy Comforter on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 1:00-4:00pm. This event is no cost and it is open play and now you can invite friends and family. You **MUST** register by emailing Tula Henson at tulahenson714@gmail.com.

Mahjong Beginner Class: If you are interested in learning Mahjong please contact Tula Henson at the email above. She will arrange times for teaching with you.

Christmas Cards for Inmates

Each year, our church collects unused Christmas cards to send to all the ladies at Leath Correctional Institution for Women in Greenwood, SC. In many cases, this may be the only Christmas Card that they receive. You don't have to purchase new cards. Bring the cards that you have left over from past years to the church and place them in the box marked "Christmas Cards for Inmates" in the foyer. Cards cannot have any glitter or add on pieces. Each card must have an envelope that it will fit in. Please do not write anything inside the card or on the envelope. This will be done later. Currently there are about 650 inmates at that facility.

This year the cards are needed by Oct. 25. Cards can be dropped off at the church office M – Th from 10:00 – 1:00. There will be a box to collect these Christmas cards in the church foyer.

If you would like to assist with writing a short and simple message inside the cards, please sign up on the form beside the collection box. You will be contacted when it is time to prepare the cards. Questions: Linda Barger on at lhbarger on@gmail.com or 706-267-8668 (text)

Senior Warden's Corner

Your Vestry for Church of the Holy Comforter held its monthly meeting on Oct. 1. Here are the highlights:

- The Vestry set the agenda for our Parish Town Hall potluck luncheon and meeting after the church service on Oct. 11. A.J. Kleinheksel will deliver a presentation with the highlights of our recent parish survey, and Heather Doughtie will provide information on our stewardship campaign. We'll welcome questions and brief discussion after each presentation and then open the floor for members of the parish to ask about any other topics regarding church ministries.
- The Vestry agreed on a general outline for staff compensation for 2027, pending other information needed before finalization.
- The Vestry set Jan. 31 as the date for the annual parish meeting and chili cookoff. In addition to voting on the church's annual budget, we'll also elect two new members to the Vestry. If you are interested in serving as part of the church's leadership team, please talk to Father Glenn or any current Vestry member.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our church family.

Barry Paschal, Senior Warden



You are invited to Friendsgiving on Saturday, November 7th from 10:30 AM to 3 PM. The morning kicks off with a live bagpiper followed by outdoor activities like pumpkin bowling, a sweet potato roll relay race, photo booth, crafts, and prizes! We'll enjoy a Thanksgiving lunch together and a big screen TV for football. There will be music, turkey bingo, and Thanksgiving Trivia.

If you would like to attend, please sign up in the foyer by November 1. There is a limited seating area for this family-friendly party. The church will provide the turkey and ham. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hope to see y'all there!

SHARING THE FEAST

In honor of Holy Comforter's recent 25th anniversary and our community Friendsgiving Celebration, we are providing 25 local households with everything needed for a Thanksgiving meal.

We need your help to fill all 25 meal boxes!



Essential Food Items

- 50 cans green beans
- 50 cans corn
- 50 boxes Stove Top stuffing
- 25 cans cranberry sauce
- 50 jars gravy
- 25 family-size instant mashed potatoes



Help Provide the Main Meal

Our goal is to raise \$500-\$625 to purchase grocery gift cards for 25 families to choose their own fresh meat and perishables.



Help Make a Sweet Potato Casserole

- 50 large cans yams (29 oz.)
- 25 bags mini marshmallows
- 25 small bags brown sugar
- 25 small bottles canola or vegetable oil



Help Make Desserts

- 25 cans pumpkin pie filling
- 25 cans evaporated milk
- 25 cans apple pie filling

HOW TO GIVE

Financial: Use the Secure Giving Link or write a check with "Thanksgiving Meal Boxes" in memo line.

SecureGive Link:



Food: Place items in the Thanksgiving Meal Box Collection in the Lobby.



Questions? Contact Laura Knight at (704) 576-1891 or ms.hibberd@gmail.com
Abundance will support the Byllesby Center and our neighbors in need.

Do you have an adult bike you aren't using?

We are looking for an adult sized bicycle in good shape to donate to a homeless man whose bicycle was run over by a car. Contact the church administrator at vivian@holyccomforterchurch.org if you have one.

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: Joey Nelson, Teresa Williams, and William

For those celebrating birthdays: Jeff Punshon and Tony Abate

Thanksgiving for our partnership with The Claiborne, Kairos Prison Ministry, and Boy Scout Troop 10.

For those receiving assisted care: Loren Waldo

For the safety of Joseph Haddow and all those who serve abroad and at home.

Missions and Prayer

The Prayer Chain: If you have a prayer request, send to Pam Whitaker at pwhitakernp@gmail.com. Your prayer request will be shared with those on the prayer chain and we will pray for you, your loved one, or your concern.

The Prayer Crafters: We crochet, knit and work on looms making hats, scarves, lap blankets and shawls. No experience necessary-we will teach you! Tuesdays from 10am-noon in the Parish Hall.

Food Donations: Please place non-perishable items in the red wagon by the front door. Canned goods that do not require a can opener are best. The food collected goes to The Byllesby Center, providing to those in need in the Harrisburg community.

Contacting Father Glenn

For pastoral emergencies:

Call or text anytime
at 803-319-5296.

For non-pastoral and non-emergencies:

Please keep texts or phone
calls limited to the hours of
8:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M.
Mon-Fri

Serving Today

Preacher/Celebrant
Lay Eucharistic Ministers
Acolytes
Reader
Altar Guild
Altar Bread
Prayer Team
Pre-Service Greeter
Ushers
Media Crew
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The Rev. Glenn A. Palmer
Jenny Quebedeaux and Maurice Lewis
Andrew Recupero and Parker Maddox
Shannon Recupero
Karen Sheppard
Carolyn Owens
Judy Smith
Amy Moore
Blanca Perez and Katie Shepherd
Bill Liebel and Dave Blake
Amy Moore

Staff

The Rev. Glenn A. Palmer, Rector
Vivian Vaiden, Church Administrator, Accompanist
Lara Fort, Business Administrator
Gail Jarrell, Music Director
Laura Knight, Sunday School Coordinator

Vestry

Barry Paschal, Sr. Warden, Heather Doughtie, Jr. Warden
Amy Moore, and Maurice Lewis (Class of 2027)
Robbie Jarrell and A.J. Kleinheksel (Class of 2028)
Tim Curry (Class of 2029)

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