

Church
of the
Holy
Comforter

August 30, 2026

**A Service of Confirmation, Reception,
and Reaffirmation**

Proper 17

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

Lift High the Cross

Descant



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

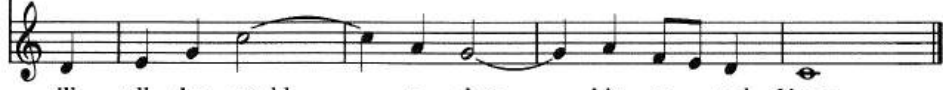
Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



till all the world a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.



till all the world _____ a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.



1 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.



THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: *There is one hope in God's call to us;*

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: *One God and Father of all.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of 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.

The First Lesson

Exodus 3: 1-15

Introduction to the Lesson

God calls Moses from a burning bush, directing him to return to Egypt and lead the chosen people out of slavery.

A reading from the Book of Exodus:

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer!

Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c

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

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;
Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Romans 12: 9-21

Introduction to the Lesson

Paul exhorts the Christian community at Rome to outdo each other in loving behavior, and to strive to overcome evil with good.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Stand for the Gospel Hymn and the reading of the Gospel. Sing verses 1-3 before the gospel and verses 4-5 after the gospel.

Gospel Hymn

The Servant Song



1. Will you let me be your ser - vant,
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney,
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing;
5. When we sing to God in heav - en



Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may
 We are trav - 'lers on the road; We are here to
 In the night - time of your fear; I will hold my
 When you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your
 We shall find such har - mo - ny, Born of all we've



have the grace to Let you be my ser - vant, too.
 help each oth - er Walk the mile and bear the load.
 hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.
 joy and sor - row 'Til we've seen this jour - ney through.
 known to - geth - er Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

Text: Richard Gilliard

Tune: Richard Gilliard; harm. By Betty Pulkingham, b.1929

Introduction to the Lesson

Peter tries to lead Jesus away from the suffering of the cross, but Jesus rebukes him and tells the disciples that to find their true life, they must give up everything they cling to.

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

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates:

Bishop: The Candidates will now be presented.

(Each person is presented individually by their sponsors.)

Presenter: *I present _____ for Confirmation.*

or

Presenter: *I present _____ to be received into this Communion.*

or

Presenter: *I present _____ who desires to reaffirm their baptismal vows.*

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate: *I do.*

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate: *I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.*

(To the congregation)

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

Congregation: *We will.*

Bishop: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant:

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

- Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People: *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*
- Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?
People: *I will, with God's help.*
- Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People: *I will, with God's help.*
- Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People: *I will, with God's help.*
- Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People: *I will, with God's help.*
- Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People: *I will, with God's help.*

Prayers for the Candidates:

- Bishop: Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.
- Deacon: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Deacon: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Deacon: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Deacon: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- Deacon: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Deacon: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Deacon: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Bishop: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says: Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he/she* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he/she* comes to your everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

For Reception

Bishop: *N.*, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

For Reaffirmation

Bishop: *N.*, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. *Amen.*

The Reaffirmation of Vows as a Monastic Solitary

Bishop: The person to make reaffirmation of vows as a Monastic Solitary will now be presented.

Priest: *I present Jo Ann Rayfield to reaffirm her vows as a Monastic Solitary.*

Bishop: Jo, what do you desire?

Jo: *I desire to dedicate my whole life to God and God's people as a solitary under vow to the Diocesan Bishop.*

Bishop: Jo, will you renew your vows to live in simplicity of life, in celibate chastity, and in religious obedience?

Jo: *I will, with God's help.*

Bishop: You, in this congregation here present, have heard Jo Ann dedicate her life to God as a monastic solitary. Will you uphold and strengthen her in the years ahead?

Congregation: *We will, with God's help.*

Bishop: Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

Offertory Anthem

Offertory Hymn

His Eye is on the Sparrow



1. Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows
2. "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I
3. When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-



come?
hear,
rise, Why should my heart be lone-ly
and rest-ing on his good-ness,
when song gives place to sigh-ing,



and long for heaven and home, When Je-sus is my
I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path he
when hope with-in me dies, I draw the clo-ser



por-tion? My con-stant friend is he:
lead-eth but one step I may see: } His eye is on the
to him, from care he sets me free:



spar-row, and I know he watch-es me; his eye is on the



spar-row, and I know he watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm

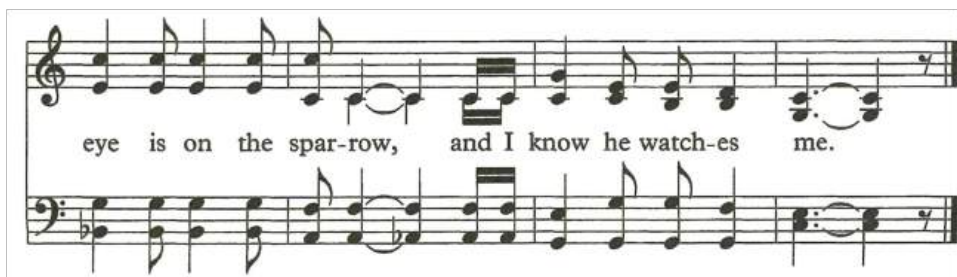


hap-py, (I'm hap-py,) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free,) for his



WORDS: Civilla Martin (Luke 12:6-7; John 14:1)
MUSIC: Charles H. Gabriel

SPARROW
Irregular with Refrain



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. We are offering both bread and wine. 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. *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.

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. The Congregation is invited to sing the following during communion.

The Mission of Holy Comforter

Love God, Love Others

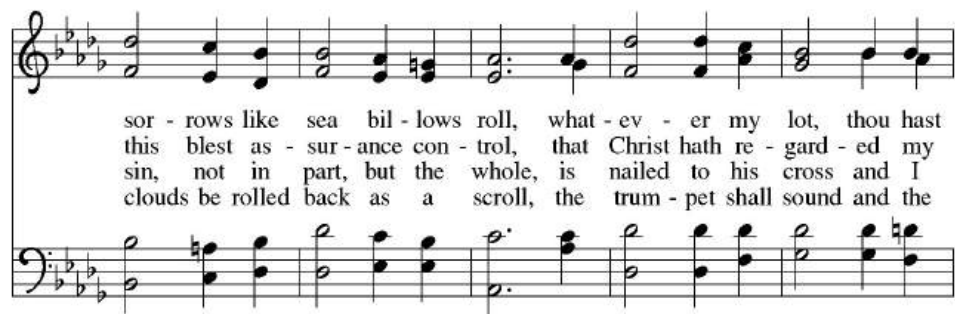
Serve God, Serve Others

Communion

It is Well with my Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

Communion

You are my 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

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features a treble and bass staff. The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a melodic line with some ties and a final quarter note. The bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

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.

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a melodic line with some ties and a final quarter note. The bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, Wor - thy is Your name!

The fourth system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a melodic line with some ties and a final quarter note. The bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, Wor - thy is Your name!

The fifth system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a melodic line with some ties and a final quarter note. The bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

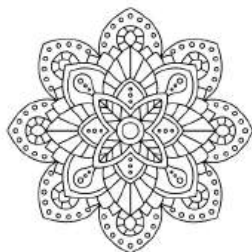
The Blessing and the Dismissal

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. Now go forth to live boldly, as if death has no power over you, because it doesn't. 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)

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

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

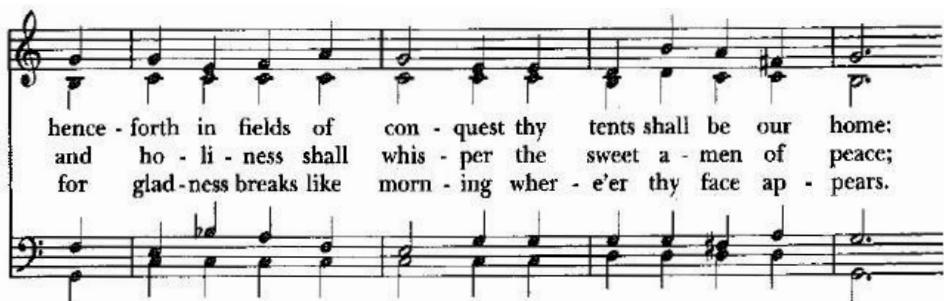


Recessional Hymn

Lead on, O King Eternal



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;



hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home;
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er thy face ap - pears.



through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
 Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heav - en - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

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

To our guests—*we are so glad that you are here!* Our first joy is to welcome our guests and newcomers. And our prayer is that we may become a spiritual home for you. An usher can assist you with any questions. Like to be on our mailing list? 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.*

Bishop's Visitation and Luncheon

We welcome with joy our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue for his annual visitation. This morning we are celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation.

Stay after worship for a potluck luncheon.
All are welcome!

Our Annual Parish Photo

Immediately following worship, we will re-shoot our annual parish photo. Meet at the front of the church near the altar.

Golden Harvest Volunteers

Meal Serving: Father Glenn is looking for 10 others to serve the lunch meal at The Masters Table from 10:20-12:15pm on Monday, August 31. We meet at 702 Fenwick Street in Augusta. Wear long pants, and no open toed shoes please. If you have ball cap, please wear it or folks will have to wear a hair net.

Meal Packing: We are looking for volunteers to pack meals at 3310 Commerce Drive in Augusta. We meet Friday, September 4th from 9:00 - 11:30am. If you would like to serve or have questions, contact Griff Kelly at 206-573-1523 or Beth Alletto at 585-781-0675.

Volunteers Needed: English as a Second Language

Are you interested in joining a ministry to help those struggling to learn English and adapt to life in this country? Columbia County English as a Second Language (ESL) is looking for volunteers to facilitate or lead classes. No experience necessary and mentors are available to assist you. Call or text Tim Curry (706-414-9201) for details.

Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday, September 2nd and September 16th 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.

The Rector's Forum

Sunday, September 6th through Advent: We begin a discussion that will continue through Advent of *Grace on the Journey to God* by Father Michael Casey.

Sunday School

Sunday, September 6th at 9:15am: We'll explore how God prepared the Israelites for their journey to freedom and gave them a special way to remember His faithfulness. Through Scripture, games, and a craft, we'll learn that God keeps His promises and invites us to trust Him every step of the way.

YOUTH-charist

Sunday, September 6th at 9:15am: "Flawed Followers: Peter" *God has never waited for people to be perfect before calling them.* Peter boldly followed Jesus but also made some of the biggest mistakes recorded in the Gospels. We'll discover how failure is never the end of the story when we're willing to accept God's forgiveness and keep following Christ.

Ramblings with the Rector

Wednesday, September 9th at 9am: Father Glenn will host "Ramblings with the Rector" at the Dunkin Donuts down the street from the church. We'll get together for coffee and casual conversation about any topic folks want to discuss.

The Book Club

The Book Club meets Wednesday, September 9th at 11:00am in the Parish Hall to discuss *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano. An exquisite homage to Louisa May Alcott's timeless classic, *Little Women*, *Hello Beautiful* is a profoundly moving portrait of what is possible when we choose to love someone not in spite of who they are, but because of it. All are welcome.

The Men's Group

The Holy Comforter Men's Group meets Friday, September 11th at Cracker Barrel, 544 North Belair Road at 8:00am in the back corner.

Mahjong at Holy Comforter

We have created a Mahjong group here at Holy Comforter on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 1:00-4:00pm. Whether you're an experienced player, newbie or want to learn you are welcome to attend.

Sign up online. We are limited to 16 slots. Once those are filled we will create a wait list. The cost for playing or learning is \$5.00 payable at the time of sign up by scanning the QR code below. There will be no refunds given but you may go online to your sign up and transfer your slot to someone else. When you sign up, include a comment whether you are an experienced player, beginner or need lessons. This helps us group people within their levels. Currently this event is limited to Holy Comforter parishioners only. Contact Tula Henson at tulahenson714@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Sign Up Here:



Pay Here:



Or sign up and pay at holycomforterchurch.org/mahjong

EfM Classes

Our Savior's Education for Ministry (EfM) evening class will begin on Monday, September 14th, 6:30 pm in Harison Hall. This class is held every Monday evening at Our Savior Episcopal Church located at 4227 Columbia Road, Martinez, GA 30907.

EfM mentor, Bob Thompson, has facilitated this class for the last 6 years and would like to invite you to participate in this 4-year program in theological study, discussion, and reflection.

EfM is housed at The School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. It is a small group formation program that prepares Christians for a life in ministry. Rooted in Christian theology, scripture, history, and ethics, EfM mentors guide conversations that are designed to lead participants into discovering ways to live fully into their faith traditions.

If you are interested in participating in our EfM evening class and need more information, please contact Bob Thompson at 706-399-5759.

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: Herbert, Charlotte, and Bob Larkin

For those celebrating birthdays: Barry Paschal, Pam Jesion, and Nichole Williams

For those celebrating anniversaries: John and Mary Beth Arnold, Thomas and Joy Cook

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 Mary Kelly at marykelly919@comcast.net. 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.- 8:00 P.M.
Mon-Fri

Serving Today

Preacher/Celebrant	The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue
Assisting Priest	The Rev. Glenn A. Palmer
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Carole Nelson and Pam Vanscoy
Acolytes	Aletha and Abriana Kleinheksel, Andrew Recupero
Reader	Carol Kane
Altar Guild	Alison Moseley
Altar Bread	Lou Ann Zimmerman
Prayer Team	Carol Kane and Maurice Lewis
Media Crew	Keith Milburn and Dave Blake
Ushers	The Hooglands
Vestry Person of the Day	Robbie Jarrell

Staff

The Rev. Glenn A. Palmer, Rector
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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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