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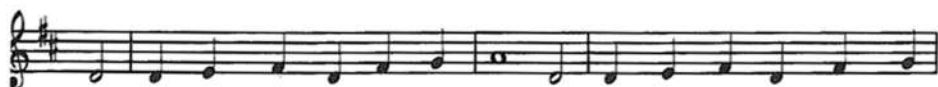
The Blessing of the Animals

Welcome to The Church of the Holy Comforter

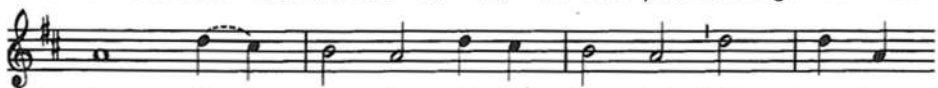
Welcome! We're glad you're here. Parents: The nurseries for infants and toddlers are located on the lower level.

At the Procession

All Creatures of Our God and King



- 1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic-es, let us
*2 Great rush-ing winds and breez-es soft, you cloudsthat ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo-ther earth, you day by day un-fold your bless-ings on our



- 1 sing: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Bright burn-ing
2 loft, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Fair ris-ing
3 hear, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Fire, so in-
4 wav. O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! All flowers and



- 1 sun with gold-en beams, pale sil-ver moon that gen-tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re-joice, stars night-ly shin-ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce-ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo-ry al-so show:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623;
adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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 four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. 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 melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the third system.

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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: God, maker of marvels, you weave the planet and all its creatures together in kinship; your unifying love is revealed in the interdependence of relationships in the complex world that you have

made. Save us from the illusion that humankind is separate and alone and join us in communion with all inhabitants of the universe; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who topples the dividing walls by the power of your Holy Spirit, and who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Introduction to the Lesson

Moses gives the people the commandments he has received from the Lord. These laws describe the people's duties toward God and their obligations to one another.

A reading from the Book of Exodus:

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

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

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians:

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

Gospel Hymn

From all that Dwell

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) on two staves (treble and bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), indicating D major or B minor. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with three verses indicated by numbers 1, 2, and *3.

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21: 23-32

Introduction to the Lesson

Jesus warns against paying lip service to God's laws, using a parable to teach that true obedience requires a change of heart, and action.

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are

you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

Let us pray.

Lector: For the artistry of spinning spiders, the industry of ants, and the busyness of bees, for all alert animals of field and forest, for the squirrels that gather, chipmunks that chatter, for mice that burrow, and pigs that root.

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Lector: For the splendor of the great deep and sparkling streams, for the water bugs and dolphins, for all fish and all sea life, and for enormous whales.

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Lector: For all things that fly, for pelicans and parakeets, barn owls and peacocks, for eagles that soar, and for birds that nest.

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Lector: For beasts that lumber, for elephants and hippos, grizzly bears and tortoises, porcupines and three-toed sloths, and for all creatures that remind us not to hurry.

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Lector: For the graceful beasts, the great cats, and for gazelles, for giraffes, and for flamingos, foxes, and fawns.

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Lector: For the animals that work for human good, for horses, oxen, mules, and beasts of burden, for dogs, who lead those who cannot see or hear, track the lost and rescue the stranded.

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Lector: For the animals that share our homes, for those in need of homes today, for faithful dogs and purring cats, for all animals that teach us how to love without judgment, for rabbits, hamsters, birds, assorted reptiles, and freshwater fish.

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Lector: For the loving pets we no longer see nor hold, who served us in faithfulness and trust, and now live on in our hearts and minds.

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Lector: We thank you Lord for all the blessings of this life. For those with special celebrations (Intercessions for thanksgiving). Hear us Lord.

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Lector: We pray for those in need of healing. (Intercessions are offered here) Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear us Lord.

Lector: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. (Intercessions for the departed). Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear us Lord.

Celebrant: Give us the grace, O God, to learn from the animal kingdom that you created all things: And bring us to your peaceable kingdom where lion and lamb lie down together. Amen.

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

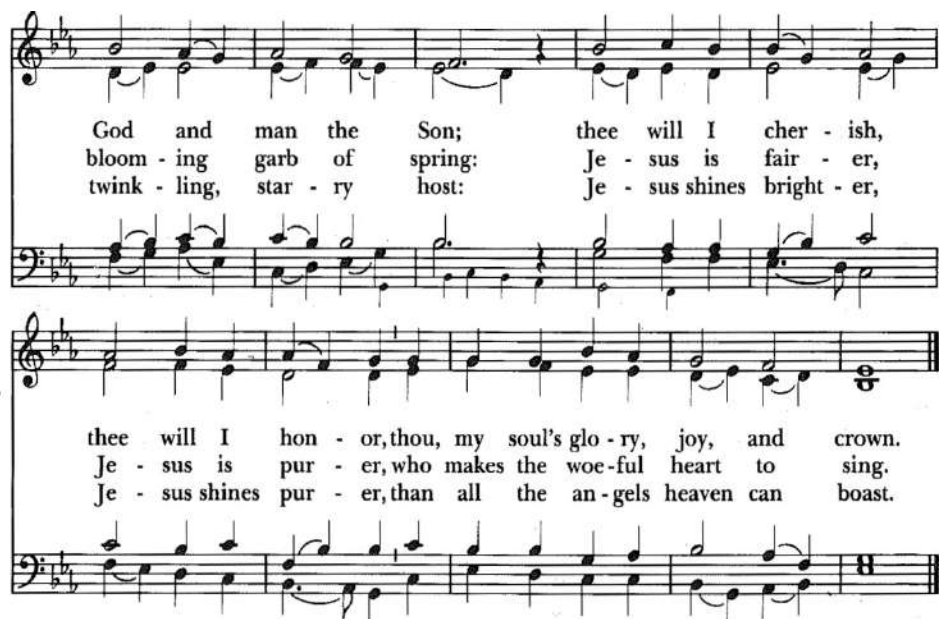
Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

Offertory Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of
2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the



God and man the Son; thee will I cher-ish,
 bloom-ing garb of spring: Je-sus is fair-er,
 twink-ling, star-ry host: Je-sus shines bright-er,

thee will I hon-or, thou, my soul's glo-ry, joy, and crown.
 Je-sus is pur-er, who makes the woe-ful heart to sing.
 Je-sus shines pur-er, than all the an-gels heaven can boast.

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Celebrant: 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.

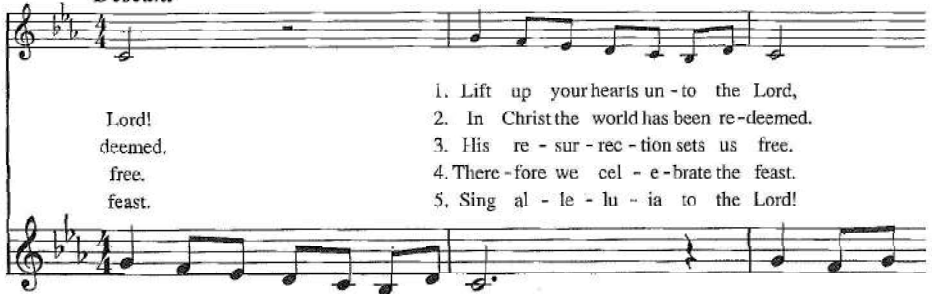
Receiving communion: All are welcome at God's table. If you would like to receive the wine by common cup, go to the right. If you would like to receive by intinction, go to the left.

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

Sing Alleluia to the Lord

Descant



Lord!
deemed.
free.
feast.

1. Lift up your hearts un - to the Lord,
2. In Christ the world has been re-deemed.
3. His re - sur - rec - tion sets us free.
4. There - fore we cel - e - brate the feast.
5. Sing al - le - lu - ia to the Lord!

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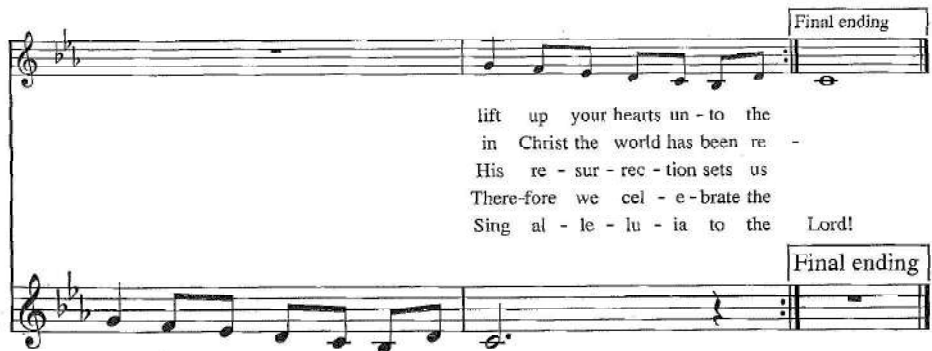
lift up your
In Christ the
His re - sur -
There - fore we
Sing al - le -



Sing al - le - lu - ia, ai - le - lu - ia;

hearts un - to the Lord.
world has been re-deemed.
rec - tion sets us free.
cel - e - brate the feast.
lu - ia to the Lord!

Sing al - le - lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia;



lift up your hearts un - to the
in Christ the world has been re -
His re - sur - rec - tion sets us
There - fore we cel - e - brate the
Sing al - le - lu - ia to the Lord!

Final ending

lift up your hearts un - to the Lord!
in Christ the world has been re-deemed.
His re - sur - rec - tion sets us free.
there - fore we cel - e - brate the feast.
sing al - le - lu - ia to the Lord!

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.*

Recessional

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the refrain of the hymn 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes. Below the staff, the lyrics 'All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,' are written. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. Below it, the lyrics 'all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.' are written. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



he made their glow - ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Repeat Refrain

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: Next Sunday

On Sunday October 11th 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. Sign up in the foyer to bring something to share.

Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday, October 7th and 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.

Sunday School and Youth-charist

Sunday School and Youth-charist will NOT meet next Sunday, October 11th.

The Blessing of the Animals

We welcome you to this service of blessing and thanksgiving to our pets. This service is more than just a thanksgiving for animals but a focus on how we are called to be caretakers of a Creation that is under increasing threat because of our own actions. Following the service you can receive individual blessings for your animals on the lawn.

Please Note: Refer to the Pet Do's and Don'ts below to get the most out of this service.



This will be a new experience for your pets. Not all animals want to interact with other animals. Just because your pet is friendly that doesn't mean other animals are; *don't* let them interact with other animals. This is how dog fights begin.

You will want to put some space between you, your pet and other participants.

If you have a dog, please keep your dog on a lead and at your side at all times.

Your leash for dogs should be 4 feet or shorter. Keep your eyes on your pet.

If you have a retractable leash, keep it on lock mode. Don't let pets run out to the end of the lead.

If you need to take your animal outside during the service, feel free to do so. Waste bags are available.

There are several watering stations for all animals outside.

At the conclusion of the service process outside where there will be refreshments for you and your pets and individual blessings by the pastor.



The Rector's Forum

Sunday, October 11th at 9:15am: We continue a discussion of *Grace on the Journey to God* by Father Michael Casey.

The Men's Group

The Holy Comforter Men's Group meets Friday, October 9th at Cracker Barrel, 544 North Belair Road at 8:00am in the back corner.

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.

Golden Harvest Volunteers

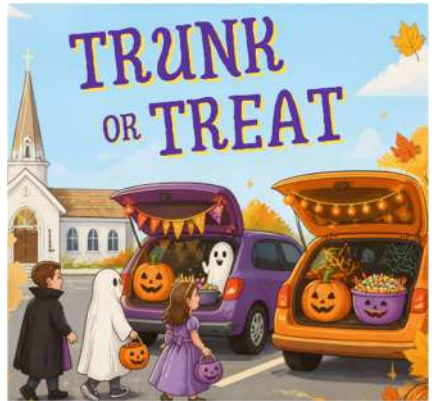
Meal Serving: Father Glenn is looking for 12 others to serve the lunch meal at The Masters Table from 10:30-12:30pm on Thursday, Oct. 15th. We meet at 702 Fenwick Street in Augusta. No open toed shoes please.

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.

Trunk or Treat

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.

Mahjong Open Play Today!

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.



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!

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. I realize that is soon but to get them to the facility by Thanksgiving, we need to gather them early. 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)

SHARING THE FEAST

In honor of Holy Comforter's 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

- 25 large cans yams (58 oz.)
- 25 cans pumpkin pie filling
- 25 cans evaporated milk
- 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.

Kairos Cookie Count

Thanks to so many Kairos Cookie Angels at Holy Comforter, I will be delivering 2436 delicious cookies to the Kairos team. They will be going inside the prison for Kairos Prison Ministry week beginning Tuesday and lasting until Friday. Each day every inmate at Leath Correctional will receive a bag of cookies that you helped provide with a note of scripture. The ladies look forward for their cookies and many paste the notes of scripture inside their bibles. Thank you for "visiting the prisoner" with your cookies and prayers.

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.

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: Carolyn Owens, Griff and Mary Kelly, Beth Alletto, Charlotte, Linda and George Morgan, and Lala Street

For those celebrating birthdays: Bill Liebel, Carter Wallace, Robert Barger, Robin Whiting, and Gerry Wallace

For those celebrating anniversaries: Stephen and Shannon Recupero, Fred and Linda Hoogland

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.

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.

Serving Today

Preacher/Celebrant
Lay Eucharistic Ministers
Acolytes
Reader
Altar Guild
Altar Bread
Prayer Team
Pre-Service Greeter
Ushers
Media Crew
Vestry Person of the Day

The Rev. Glenn A. Palmer
Pam Vanscoy and Barry Paschal
Aletha and Abriana Kleinheksel
Barry Paschal
Laurie Maddox
Pam Whitaker
Glenn Fulghum and Carol Kane
Glenn Fulghum
The Shepherds
Dan Doughtie and Keith Milburn
Maurice Lewis

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Lara Fort, Business Administrator
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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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