



The Reverend Bob Farrow, Priest in Charge
Kevin Anderson, Music Director

The 14th Sunday After Pentecost

September 14, 2025

Holy Eucharist Rite II

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL | *Beecher* There's a wideness in God's mercy

Hymnal 470

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

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.**

GLORIA | Hymnal S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OLD TESTAMENT | Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish,
they do not know me;

they are stupid children,
they have no understanding.

They are skilled in doing evil,
but do not know how to do good."

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins
before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not
make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn,
and the heavens above grow black;
for I have spoken, I have purposed;
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM | Psalm 14 *Dixit insipiens*

The Psalm is read responsively as indicated.

1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." All are corrupt and commit
abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

**2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is any who is
wise, if there is one who seeks after God.**

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does
good; no, not one.

**4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the Lord?**

5 See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous.

6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but the Lord is their refuge.

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! when the Lord restores the
fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE EPISTLE | 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Lector: A reading from the first letter to Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN | *Nettleton* Come, thou fount of every blessing Hymnal 686

THE GOSPEL | Luke 15:1-10

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated for the sermon.

THE SERMON

Rev. Bob Farrow

All stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the
Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and
was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Proper 19

from *Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People*
for the Revised Common Lectionary

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

Let us cry out to the Lord with our prayers and petitions and gratitude.

The Lord has given us the beauty of worship and the gift of fellowship with one another.

We thank you, Lord, for the church.

The Lord has given us life in a nation of opportunities and liberty; with public services such as fire and police protection, ambulances, food pantries, schools, libraries, and hospitals.

We thank you, Lord, for our national life.

The Lord has given us neighbors, friends, families, and coworkers to share the joys and burdens of this life.

We thank you, Lord, for the privilege of loving others.

The Lord has given us a world full of creatures that crawl, fly, swim, and climb. We enjoy a bounty of flowers and shrubs, grasses and trees, plants and moss, and rocks and hills.

We thank you, Lord, for your creation.

The Lord has given us one another and we thank God for his grace and, offering for his mercy the sick and suffering. Especially we pray for Ashley, Katherine, Johnny, and the grieving family of Jane.

Bring them comfort and healing, O Lord.

The Lord has given us a promise that where He goes, He will prepare a place for us. We thank you Lord for the gift of life and for giving us to one another for safekeeping.

Bring us home when it is time, O Lord.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

The Lord has given us permission to pray with the audacity of heirs and the openness of children. Thank you, Lord, for listening to us today. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to **Aleisha McMurtry**, who was named Student of the Month by Rotary of Harris County!

THE OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY HYMN | Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit

See insert

Harmony

Ev' - ry time I ____ feel the spir - it, ____ mov - ing

in my heart, _ I will pray. ____ Ev' - ry time I ____ feel the

Fine

spir - it, ____ mov - ing in my heart, _ I will pray.

unison

1. Up on the moun - tain my _ Lord spoke, out of his
2. Jor - dan ri - ver chil - ly and cold, chills _ the

(7)

1. mouth came ____ fire and smoke. ____ All a - round me looked so
2. bod - y but not the soul. ____ There ain't but one train runs this

Words: Traditional
Music: Negro Spiritual



THE DOXOLOGY | *Old 100th*

Please stand as you are able for the presentation of the offering.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

HOLY COMMUNION

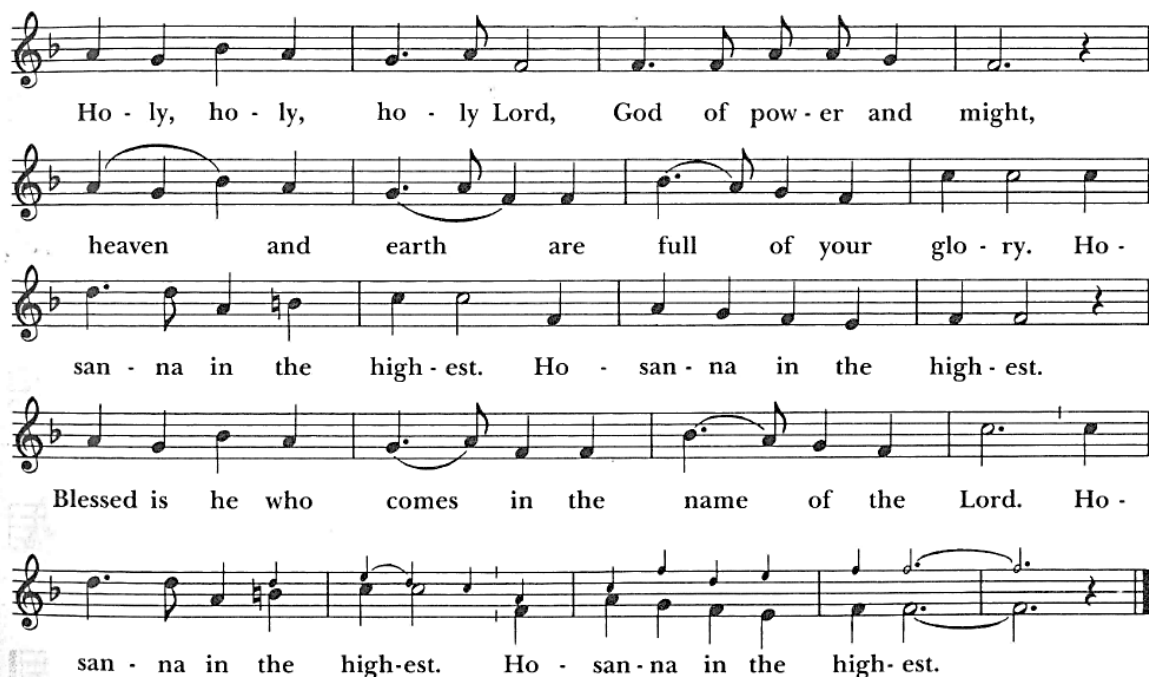
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The people stand or kneel as able.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which

is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Together

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 for ever. 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: *Alleluia*. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia*.**



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.



give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth system concludes the hymn with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE SHARING OF BREAD AND WINE

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

After taking communion, you are welcome to remain kneeling at the front of the church for special prayer and blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN | *Resignation*

Performed by
Kevin Anderson

BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

RECESSIONAL | When the roll is called up yonder

Booklet 89

DISMISSAL

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

**Please join us for coffee and fellowship in The Gathering Room, to the left
as you exit the nave.**

St. Nicholas' Mission is to actively share Christ's love for all people.

*Our vision is to strive to be a welcoming community who worships a caring and
merciful God, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.*

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Your prayers are asked for Ashley Patel, Katherine Johnson, Johnny Walden, and the grieving family of Jane Grandon. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for our homebound congregants: Liz Dixon, Mike Sawyer, and Jewell Wells.

We pray for wisdom for those in authority, for guidance for those who feel called to action, and for safety and peace for those who feel fear in these times. We continue to pray for all those in need within our community and those in the world who have suffered due to war and natural disaster.

VESTRY

Rose Brent, *Senior Warden*
Martha Dimon, *Junior Warden*
Carolyn Cox, Sheri Cody,
Kathy McMurtry
Alex Garrett, Clerk of the Vestry
Jim Gilliam, Treasurer

MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Lector: Lynn Norris
Usher: Charles & Lynn Norris
Virtual Minister: Katherine Johnson
Eucharistic Minister: Connie Blackmon
Crucifer: Riley-Anne Johnson
Flowers: Jim Gilliam & Alex Garrett

UPCOMING IN THE PARISH

September 14: Adult Formation after the service: The Story of Hagar
September 21: Vestry meets after the service
September 28: Pulpit Swap at Christian Valley

- October 1: St. Nicholas Book Club meets after Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m.
- October 4: Low Country Boil!
- October 12: Confirmation Class Kickoff after the service
Blessing of the Animals 5:00 p.m.

Directory Photo Days: If you no longer look like your directory photo – or if the toddlers posed with you are now starting college – see Lynn Hall after the service on October 5 and 26 to have a new picture made. If you are not in the directory and would like to be, or if you have lost your log-in information, contact Erin in the office.

Pulpit Swap: September 28 : We will be going to Christian Valley Church in Cataula for Pulpit Swap on Sunday, September 28. Join us to celebrate the blessings of worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

BackSnacks is Back – and you’re invited!

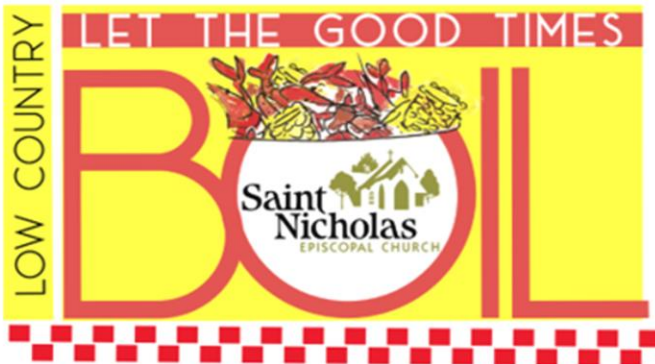
With the new school year back in swing, BackSnacks is gearing up again. They’re extending particular invitations to the St. Nicholas congregation to help get to know each other and strengthen the bond between the church and this vital outreach program.

OCT 8: BackSnacks will host a “tasting” of the foods we pack for the kids.

NOV 12: Cookies, ice cream, and conversation.

DECEMBER: The BackSnacks kids hope to join us for carol-singing.

St. Nicholas Book Club News: For the October 1 meeting, we chose *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Published in 2020, this novel is the story of Ana, a young woman raised in a wealthy family with ties to the ruler of Galilee during Jesus' lifetime. Grounded in meticulous research and written with reverence, the book is an inspiring, account of one woman's bold struggle to realize the passion and potential inside her, while living in a time, place and culture devised to silence her.



Saturday, October 4

5:00 p.m.

Good food. Live music. Family fun. And the warmth of community spirit.

Join us as we share stories, make new friends, and come together to raise funds for St. Nicholas!

\$60 per adult.



Traditional Low Country Boil

Shrimp and Sausage OR Pork Tenderloin
with Corn on the Cob, and Seasoned Potatoes
Fresh, warm Beignets for dessert!
Tea and Lemonade. Cash bar.

\$5 Kids Plate: Hot dog, Chips, Fruit and Ice Cream

Make your reservations online at www.stnicholashamilton.org

or by phone: 706-587-3243

Reservation deadline: SEPT 28

Constitution Day Program

Thursday,
September 18, 2025

6:30 PM

Straus-LeVert Memorial Hall
Talbotton, GA

Featuring Keynote Speaker
The Honorable Gil McBride
Chattahoochee Circuit Superior Court Judge
&
Regent Julie Hobbs, George Walton Chapter
Daughters of the American Revolution

There will be a tribute to
Justice Robert Jordan & Judge Frank Jordan

Tickets can be purchased online at:
HistoricColumbus.com
\$125 Each

Funds raised will be used to upgrade and refurbish the Straus-LeVert Memorial Hall.

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