



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

**Pentecost**  
Whitsunday

May 24, 2026

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

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*Please be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent,  
for this is a house of prayer for all people.*

PRELUDE

*All stand as able and sing.*

PROCESSIONAL | *Salve festa dies* Hail thee, festival day!

Hymnal 225

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

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.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.*

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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### THE FIRST LESSON | Acts 2:1-21

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and

perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM | Psalm 104:25-35, 37

*The Psalm will be chanted by Kevin Anderson. Please join in if you feel so moved.*



*25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.*

*26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.*

*27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it.*

*28 All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.*

*29 You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.*

*30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.*

*31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.*

*32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works.*

*33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke.*

*34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.*

*35 May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the Lord.*

*37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!*

**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 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Lector: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common

good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able and sing.*

SEQUENCE HYMN | *Mendon* Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove Hymnal 512

THE GOSPEL | John 7:37-39

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Celebrant: 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.*

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**People: I do.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

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

Celebrant: 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.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
for Pentecost

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

*Please kneel or stand as you are able. The Intercessor and People pray responsively.*

We pray in the power of the Holy Spirit this day, that Christ's love will be the lens through which we see the world and the melody of the song we sing.

Grant us a spirit of reverence for your glory and bless your church,

**That its work will bring forth the Good News for all who long to hear.**

Lodge the spirit of justice in our hearts and in the minds of all who hold authority in our lives,

**That we may all strive for a more perfect human society.**

We pray for the needs of our neighbors, that we might give ourselves wholly to Christ's invitation to continue his mission of healing and reconciliation,

**That we might give ourselves wholly to walking his way.**

We pray for those who suffer or who are in need. Especially we pray for Katherine and Mary.

**That they may know your healing presence.**

We pray for your mercy on the members of our diocesan family currently held in immigration detention and their families. We pray also for the children held in detention across our nation,

**That humane and ethical immigration enforcement be restored.**

We pray for those who have died, for those who are dying and for those who mourn and grieve their passing from this world to the next,

**That they be blessed with the hope of your eternal kingdom.**

#### CONCLUDING PRAYER

God of mystery, God of life, surround us and fill us with your grace, embolden us to be your agents of love in a hurting world, and answer our prayers as may be best for us and always to your glory. All this we ask through Christ, our Lord. **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

OFFERTORY HYMN | Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit

*Refrain:*

O ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

1 Upon the mountain when my God spoke, out of His mouth came fire and smoke.  
All around me looks so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain*

2 The Jordan river runs right cold, it chills the body, not the soul.  
Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back. *Refrain*

THE DOXOLOGY | *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

*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.

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## HOLY COMMUNION

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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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS | Holy, holy, holy Lord

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

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

*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.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S 155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

*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

*All people are invited to receive Communion. The ushers will come stand by your pew, at which time you may go kneel or stand at the railing. If you do not wish to receive, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you have mobility challenges and need communion brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

COMMUNION HYMN | There's a sweet, sweet Spirit      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 | I vow to thee my country      *See insert*

## DISMISSAL

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

**Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

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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.*

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## IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Your prayers are asked for Katherine Johnson and Mary Butcher. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for those who have ongoing needs and struggles: Liz Dixon, Stafford Long, April Moore, Hudson Garrett, and Kenny Hall and his family.

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

Drucye Cox, *Senior Warden*  
Linda Pace, *Junior Warden*  
Sheri Cody, Kathy McMurtry,  
and Steve Morse  
Alex Garrett, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
Jim Gilliam, *Treasurer*

## MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Lector: Margaret Zachry  
Usher: Sheri Cody  
Virtual Ministers: Katherine  
Johnson/Bob & Judy McCracken  
Eucharistic Minister: Drucye Cox  
Crucifer: Riley-Anne Johnson  
Flowers: Beth Brown

## UPCOMING IN THE PARISH

MAY 25: Memorial Day (office closed)

MAY 27: St. Nicholas Game DAY 1:00 p.m.

MAY 29: Office will close at 10:30 a.m. (for Children's Literacy Arts Festival)

JUN 6: Green Team Summit at St. Thomas (see newsletter for more)

JUN 30: Deadline for pledges to Capital Campaign (payment deadline: 11/30)

Coming in June: Boston Butts!

*Get all the news: Use this QR code to access the weekly newsletter.*



**TODAY:** St. Nicholas will be sending volunteers to [El Refugio](#), a hospitality house in Lumpkin that supports detainees at Stewart Detention Center and their loved ones through hospitality, visitation, support, and advocacy.

St. Nicholas volunteers will be assisting with housekeeping tasks like stripping beds and laundering linens. See **Margaret Zachry** for more information.

### Other Ways to Support El Refugio

<b>Write a Card to people detained and loved ones</b>	<b>Donate Household items</b>	<b>Prepare a Meal</b>	<b>Donate Gas gift cards</b>	<b>Financial Contributions</b>
				

Text by  
Cecil Spring-Rice

# I vow to thee, my country

Melody by Gustav Holst  
arr. Paul Anthony Hayward  
(2011)

1. I\_ vow to thee, my coun-ry, all earth-ly thing a - bove, en - tire and whole and  
2. But, there's an-oth - er coun- try I've heard of long a - go, most dear to them that

per - fect, the ser-vice of my love, the\_ love that asks no quest-ion, the\_  
love. her, most great to them that know, we\_ may not count her arm - ies, we\_

love that stands the test, that\_ lays u-pon the al - tar the dear-stand the  
may not see her King, her\_ fort ress is a faith-ful heart, her pride is suf - fer -

best, the\_ love that ne - ver fault - ers, the love that pays the price, the\_  
ing, and\_ soul by soul and si-lent-ly her shi - ning bounds in - crease, and her

love that makes un- daunt - ed the fi - nal sac - ri - fice.  
ways are ways of gen - tle - ness and all her paths are peace.

This piece may be readily printed, copied and performed without charge.

# Capital Campaign 2026



	\$73,000 !!!!
	\$66,000
	\$60,000
	\$54,000
	\$48,000
	\$42,000
	\$36,000
	\$24,000
\$20,100	\$18,000
	\$12,000
	\$6,000

**Ready? Let's GROW!**

Pledge cards are in the narthex, or go to the website and look at the top for "2026 Capital Campaign." Everything you need is there, including FAQs and links to submit your pledge and payments electronically if you so choose.

The deadline to submit your pledge is **June 30**; however, payment does not have to be received until **November 30**. We encourage you to pledge early so the team can assess where we will stand when the time comes to renew or refinance the mortgage.

You can always see Beth Brown or Jim Gilliam if you have questions.