

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

The 5th Sunday After Pentecost

June 28, 2026

Holy Eucharist Rite II

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

This morning we welcome our guest Celebrant, Rev. Darius Sudayi.

PRELUDE

All stand as able and sing.

PROCESSIONAL | *Aurelia* The Church's one foundation

Hymnal 525
vv. 1 - 3

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

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.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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 reading of the lessons.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON | Jeremiah 28:5-9

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

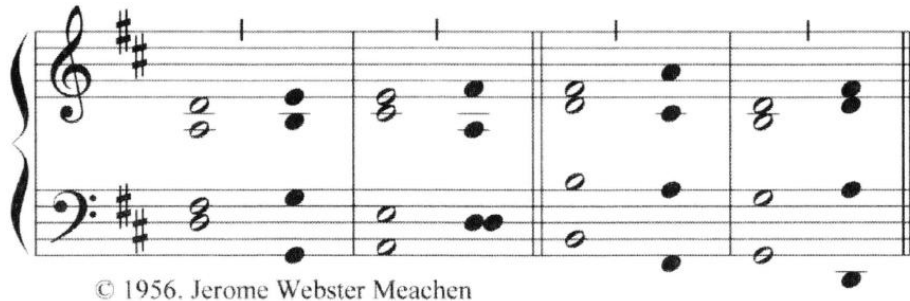
The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM | Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

The Psalm will be chanted by Kevin Anderson. You're welcome to join in. If you don't read music, the note changes on the italicized words.



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1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I *sing*; * from age to age my mouth will proclaim your *faithfulness*.

2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for *ever*; * you have set your faithfulness firmly in the *heavens*.

3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen *one*; * I have sworn an oath to David my *servant*:

4 "I will establish your line for *ever*, * and preserve your throne for all *generations*."

15 Happy are the people who know the festal *shout*! * they walk, O Lord, in the light of your *presence*.

16 They rejoice daily in your *Name*; * they are jubilant in your *righteousness*.

17 For you are the glory of their *strength*, * and by your favor our might is *exalted*.

18 Truly, the Lord is our *ruler*; * the Holy One of Israel is our *King*.

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 | Romans 6:12-23

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

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to

which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able and sing.

SEQUENCE HYMN | *Nyack Here, O my Lord*

Hymnal 318

Kevin Anderson will sing the first verse as a solo. Please join in on verse 2.

THE GOSPEL | Matthew 10:40-42

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

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

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated for the sermon.

THE SERMON

Rev. Darius Sudayi

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
for the 5th Sunday After 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.

Together in loving confidence, we seek your power in our world and in our lives as we say, "Living Christ, hear our prayer."

We offer thanksgiving for the church and for all who strive to follow you, finding their strength in the love you have for all people and races. We ask you to be with us in this present age as we seek justice, peace, and well-being. Living Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this nation, for the renewal of its promise; for those elected to serve and all in positions of leadership. We pray also for all those who work for change and the betterment of our institutions. Living Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our local community, that all might know health, safety, and opportunity at their most bountiful. Living Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in any kind of need, for those who struggle with hopelessness or anxiety; for those who are homeless, jobless, hungry, or imprisoned. Especially we ask for your mercy on the members of our diocesan family currently held in immigration

detention and their families, and on the children held in detention across our nation. We pray for their release and for the restoration of humane and ethical immigration enforcement. Living Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick and suffering. We especially lift up Mary Jane, Bob, Charlotte, and Martha. Living Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the dying and for those who mourn; that the dying may be brought to kingdom life and the grieving may be brought into the grace of your peace. Living Christ, **hear our prayer.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept these prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus 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 | The Right Hand of God

See next page.

1. The right hand of God is writ-ing in our land,
 2. The right hand of God is point-ing in our land,
 3. The right hand of God is strik-ing in our land,
 4. The right hand of God is heal-ing in our land,
 5. The right hand of God is plant-ing in our land,

1. Writ - ing with pow - er and with love,
 2. Point - ing the way we must go.
 3. Strik-ing out at en - vy, hate, and greed.
 4. Heal-ing bro - ken bod - ies, minds, and souls.
 5. Plant-ing seeds of free - dom, hope, and love.

1. Our con - flicts and our fears, our tri-umphs and our
 2. So cloud - ed is the way, so eas - i - ly we
 3. Our sel - fish - ness and lust, our pride and deeds un -
 4. So won-drous is its touch with love that means so
 5. In these Ca - rib - bean lands, let His peo- ple all join

1. tears Are re - cord - ed by the right hand of God.
 2. stray, But we're guid - ed by the right hand of God.
 3. just Are de - stroyed by the right hand of God.
 4. much, When we're healed by the right hand of God.
 5. hands, And be one by the right hand of God.

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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

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:

SANCTUS | Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S 169

Cantor or Choir
 My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -
 deed, says the Lord. *All* My Lord. *Cantor or Choir* Those who eat my
 flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them. *All* My
 flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Setting: Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

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 | Here I am, Lord
The hymn will be 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 | *Aurelia* The Church's one foundation

Hymnal 525

vv. 4-5

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 Charlotte Winsness, Martha Dimon, Mary Jane Hartenstine, and Rev. Bob Farrow. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for those who have ongoing needs and struggles: Liz Dixon, Hudson Garrett, and Mary Butcher.

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: Chris Butzon
Ushers: Jim Gilliam & Alex Garrett
Virtual Ministers: William Morgan & Steve
Morse
Eucharistic Minister: Connie Blackmon
Flowers: Beth Brown

DON'T FORGET: NEXT WEEK, WE WORSHIP AT ST. THOMAS AT 10:30 a.m.!

UPCOMING IN THE PARISH

- JUNE 29: Last day of Boston Butt sales
- JUNE 30: Deadline for pledges to Capital Campaign
- JUL 1: St. Nicholas Book Club – see your newsletter for more.
- JUL 3: Pick up your butts! 2 – 6 pm at St. Nicholas
- JULY 5: Worship at St. Thomas – sign up for the van in the kitchen.
- JUL 12: Guest Speaker + Adult Forum: GIPL
Creation Care and ReWilding
- JUL 15: Cookies, Crafts, and Conversation 3 p.m.

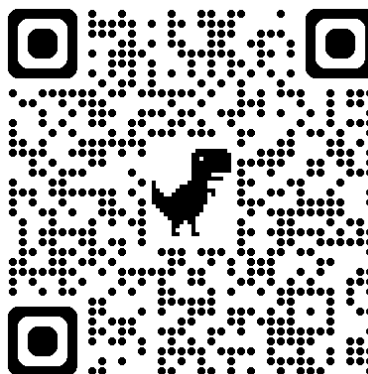
Are we short on bulletins? Erin does her best to estimate attendance, but sometimes she gets surprised! Every week, the bulletin is put on the home page of our website. Pull out your smartphone or tablet, navigate to www.stnicholashamilton.org, and scroll down to the button that says “Sunday’s bulletin.” And there you go – it’s even enlargeable.

On **Sunday, July 5**, St. Nicholas will be worshipping at **St. Thomas Episcopal Church** in Columbus. They have invited us to share their Independence Day worship service beginning at **10:30 a.m.** so there will be no worship service at St. Nicholas that day. Steve will be driving a van – sign up in the kitchen pass-through if you need transportation.

Join the ministry! St. Nicholas has been 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. There is a brief online orientation required before you go. See Margaret Zachry for more information.

The **St. Nicholas Book Club** chose *The Avenue Goes to War* by R. F. Delderfield as their selection for July. This novel, the second of his *Avenue* series, was also adapted for British television. But, as this book has proven a bit hard to come by, the Club decided to add *To Serve Them All My Days* by the same author, which might be easier to come by in hard copy or audible. The Book Club next meets on July 1 after Evening Prayer.

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



LAST CHANCE!

St. Nicholas Boston Butt Sale 2026

Sales through Monday, June 29



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\$55

Pick-up: 2 pm to 6 pm on **July 3**

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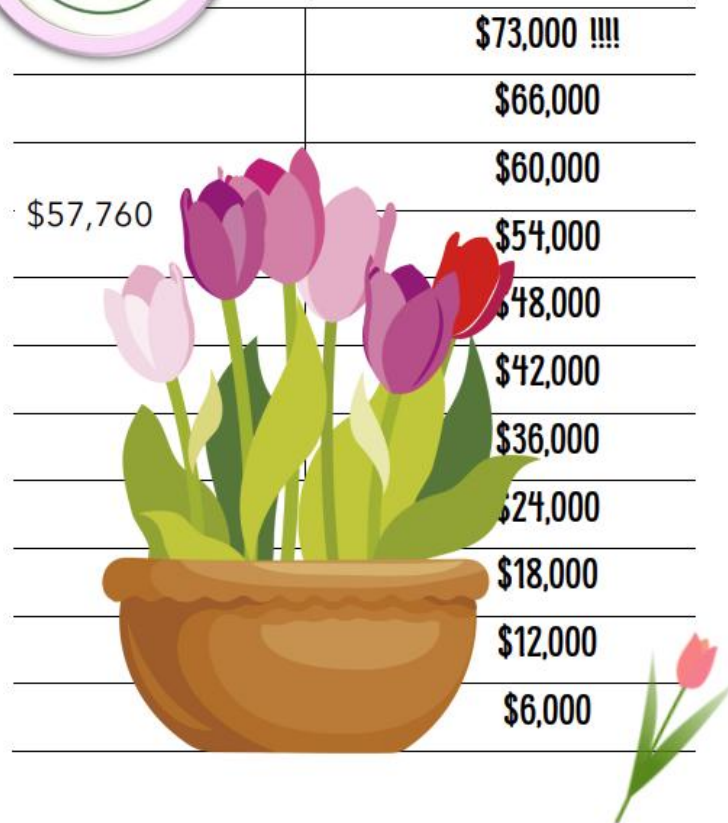
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Capital Campaign 2026



How about some GOOD NEWS?

With one week to go in the Capital Campaign, we are just under 80% of the way to our goal. Many members of the congregation of St. Nicholas (and a few of our good friends) have really shown up to answer this call.

If you'd like to get in on this pivotal effort to loosen the shackles of St. Nicholas' mortgage payments and free up funds for better purposes, it's not too late! Your pledge or one-time contribution is welcome. There is a [pledge form on our website](#), or you can call or [email](#) the office or get in touch with Jim Gilliam.

Let's see what blooms at St. Nicholas when we reach our goal!