



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

The 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

June 14, 2026

Holy Eucharist Rite II

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

Today we welcome our guest celebrant, Father Darius Sudayi.

PRELUDE

All stand as able and sing.

PROCESSIONAL | *Tidings* O Zion hast, thy mission high fulfilling Hymnal 539

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.**

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 - mighty 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.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, 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 FIRST LESSON | Exodus 19:2-8a

Lector: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM | Psalm 100

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

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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 5:1-8

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able and sing.

SEQUENCE HYMN | *Decatur Place* We the Lord's people

Hymnal 51

THE GOSPEL | Matthew 9:35-10:8

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

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

From *Planning for Rite & Rituals: A Resource for
Episcopal Worship (Year A)*

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

Gracious God, give us boldness, justice, and compassion, as we offer our prayers, responding, "Kyrie eleison."

Open our eyes to see the stranger in our midst, offering hospitality and companionship, believing that the Holy Spirit visits us through those we do not know; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

Reveal the fruits of suffering to all who are heavy laden with despair, that they may receive your endurance, grow in faith, and live in hope; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison

Strengthen our hands and voices to proclaim the good news of Christ through the daily events of our lives, and to those we encounter in the course of the day; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

Increase vocations to the various ministries of our Church; let us hold the Church, her mission and peoples, in prayer, and work for the joy of the Gospel; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

Bless our nation, our President, and members of Congress, give them wisdom in their deliberations, that legislation and programs may serve the best interests of the common good and the needs of the global community; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

Shower your mercy on the members of our diocesan family currently held in immigration detention and their families, on the children held in detention across our nation. For their release and for the restoration of humane and ethical immigration enforcement; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

Hold in your arms of mercy those who are ill, and grant to those who have died a place prepared by your love. Especially for Katherine, Chris and Andy, Margaret, Mary Jane, and Bob, let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord, we pray for your peace to settle on us and remain with us throughout our trials and triumphs. Send us out and give us the courage and the will to live the life you call us toward. Bless us this day and always in your name and in the name of your Son and the Holy Spirit. **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

MINISTRY MOMENT

OFFERTORY HYMN | Love lifted me

Booklet 47

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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, 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.**

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 *All*

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them. 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 | His Eye is on the Sparrow

arr. Kevin Anderson

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 | *Old 100th* All people on earth do dwell

Hymnal 377

DISMISSAL

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

Response: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

(In case you're wondering: "Alleluia" is omitted from the Dismissal after Pentecost, until next Easter.)

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 Katherine Johnson, Chris and Andy Butzon, Margaret Zachry, Mary Jane Hartenstine, and Rev. Bob Farrow. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for those who have ongoing needs and struggles: Liz Dixon, Stafford Long, April Moore, Hudson Garrett, Mary Butcher, 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: Lynn Norris
Usher: Charles & Lynn Norris
Virtual Minister: Drucye Cox
Eucharistic Minister: Connie Blackmon
Flowers: Alex Garrett & Jim Gilliam

UPCOMING IN THE PARISH

- JUNE 17: Cookies, Crafts, & Conversation 3:00 p.m.
- JUNE 21: Father's Day
Vestry meets after the service
- JUNE 24: Game Day! 3:00 p.m.
- JUNE 29: Last day of Boston Butt sales
- JUNE 30: Deadline for pledges to Capital Campaign
(payment deadline: 11/30/26)
- JULY 5: Worship at St. Thomas – sign up for the van in the kitchen.

St. Nicholas Boston Butt Sale 2026

Sales through Monday, June 29



Purchase a **6 lb., choice boneless** Boston Butt, smoked to perfection and ready for your table.

\$55

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

St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, 69 Mobley Road in Hamilton.

You may also donate your butt to FOCUS.

How to Purchase

Cash or Check: Call 706-587-3243

See a church member *or* mail in a check to:

St. Nicholas Episcopal Church
PO Box 752
Hamilton, GA 31811

Credit Card: Go to our website:
www.stnicholashamilton.org

or

Use the Vanco app by following this QR code:



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.

Cookies, Crafts, and Conversation: June 17 at 3:00 p.m. Join us for good conversation, (hopefully) delicious treats and coffee or tea - and if you stitch, bring it with! We wrap up at 4:30 to give us time to tidy up for Evening Prayer.

St. Nicholas Game Day: June 24 at 3:00 p.m. (We're still tweaking the start time to give us plenty of time to play and wrap up before Evening Prayer.) We'll be playing Mahjong, Cribbage, and Mexican Train!

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. St. Nicholas volunteers will be assisting with housekeeping tasks like stripping beds and laundering linens. There is 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. More information in your newsletter!

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



Capital Campaign 2026



	\$73,000 !!!!
	\$66,000
	\$60,000
	\$54,000
\$44,600	\$48,000
	\$42,000
	\$36,000
	\$24,000
	\$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.