



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

The 11th Sunday After Pentecost

August 9, 2026

Holy Eucharist Rite II

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 | *Lauda anima* Praise, my soul, the King
of heaven

Hymnal 410

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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 | 1 Kings 19:9-18

Lector: A reading from the first Book of Kings.

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

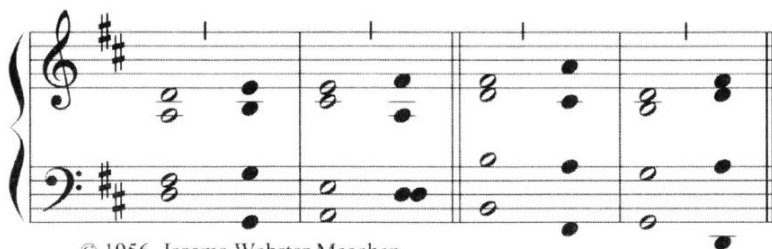
He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I

alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM | Psalm 85:8-13



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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.

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is *saying*, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to *him*.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear *him*, * that his glory may dwell in our *land*.

10 Mercy and truth have met *together*; * righteousness and peace have kissed each *other*.

11 Truth shall spring up from the *earth*, * and righteousness shall look down from *heaven*.

12 The Lord will indeed grant *prosperity*, * and our land will yield its *increase*.

13 Righteousness shall go before *him*, * and peace shall be a pathway for his *feet*.

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 10:5-15

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

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

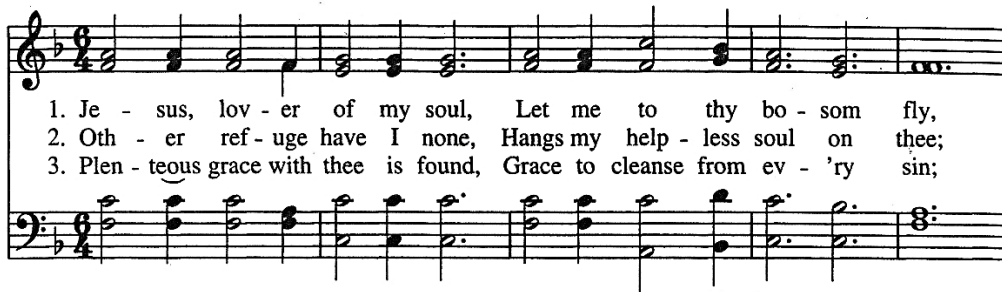
But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Lector: The word of the Lord.

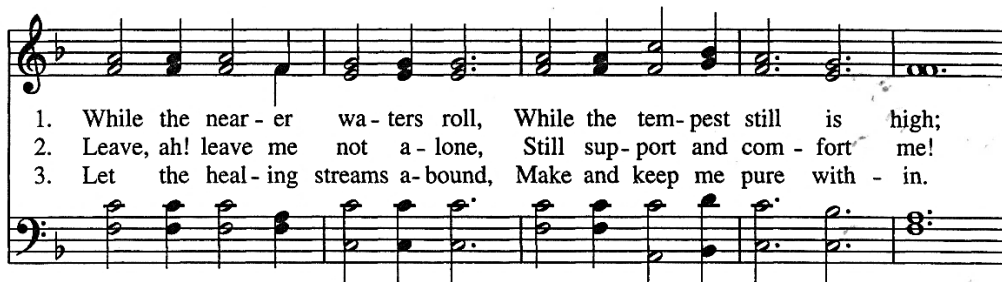
People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able and sing.

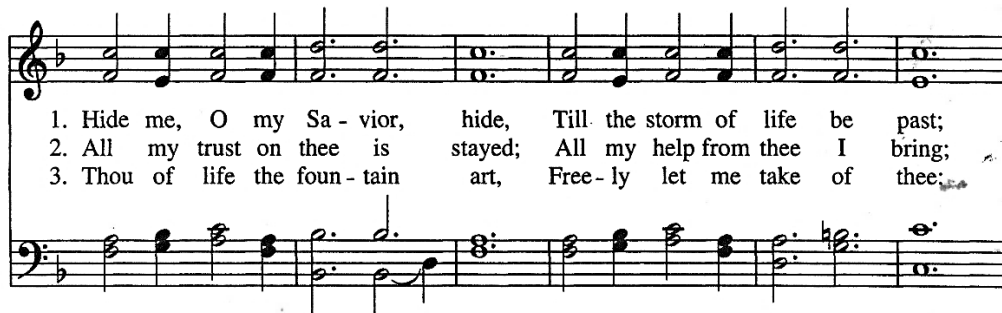
SEQUENCE HYMN | Jesus, Lover of My Soul



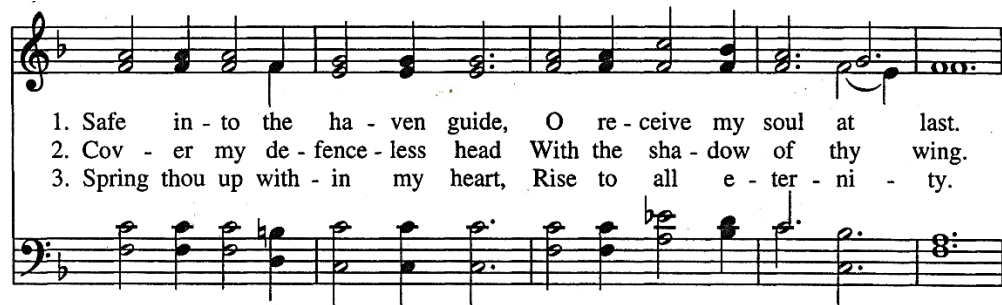
1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, Let me to thy bo - som fly,
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, Hangs my help - less soul on thee;
 3. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, Grace to cleanse from ev - 'ry sin;



1. While the near - er wa - ters roll, While the tem - pest still is high;
 2. Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, Still sup - port and com - fort me!
 3. Let the heal - ing streams a - bound, Make and keep me pure with - in.



1. Hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide, Till the storm of life be past;
 2. All my trust on thee is stayed; All my help from thee I bring;
 3. Thou of life the foun - tain art, Free - ly let me take of thee;



1. Safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last.
 2. Cov - er my de - fence - less head With the sha - dow of thy wing.
 3. Spring thou up with - in my heart, Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Charles Wesley and Simeon B. Marsh (1798-1875)

THE GOSPEL | Matthew 14:22-33

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

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated for the message.

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
for the 11th 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.

Holy God, you are always with us, in the silence and in the storms. Make us fearless and willing to do your will and hear us as we offer you the deep-held prayers of our heart, saying, "Be generous to all who call on you; Lord save us."

We pray for the many men and women in every nation who follow Jesus and strive to live his way of Love. Bless the church and send her worshippers into the world to be your hands and heart to all in need. Be generous to all who call on you.

Lord save us.

We pray for this nation and for all who have the responsibility of serving the public good. Bless our public servants with a desire to serve the common good with compassion, generosity, and justice. Be generous to all who call on you.

Lord save us.

We pray for the needs of the world, for the earth herself, and for the safety and livelihood of all people. Bless us with a deep awareness that our common life is connected; that the welfare of our brother and sister is as important as our own. Be generous to all who call on you.

Lord save us.

We pray 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. Be generous to all who call on you.

Lord save us.

We pray for the health of the world, for doctors, nurses, and those called to the vocation of healing and for all those who are afflicted by any illness. Bless those who work to heal, those who wait in hope and those who worry at home. We especially pray for Michael, Scott, Corrinne, Kim, Bob, David, Armani, Hollis, and Faith. Be generous to all who call on you.

Lord save us.

We pray for the dying, for those called from this life into the next, that all might have a place in your kingdom and a deep certainty in your constant presence. Be generous to all who call on you.

Lord save us.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

We offer all these prayers and praises in great hope and certain of your love, through Jesus Christ, our only strength and advocate. **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.

HOLY COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN | My Wonderful Lord

Booklet 52

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.

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.

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:

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. My Lord. Those who eat my

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

Stand by Me

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

Foundation How firm a foundation

Hymnal 636

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 Michael Davis, Scott Jarrette, Corrinne Barnes, Kim Stokes, Rev. Bob Farrow, David Mullins, Hollis Hale, Faith Birkhead, and Armani Butzon. 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*

SERVING THIS WEEK

Lector: Lynn Norris
Ushers: Charles & Lynn Norris
Virtual Ministers: Bob & Judy McCracken
Eucharistic Minister: Connie Blackmon
Crucifer: Riley-Anne Johnson
Flowers: Jim Gilliam & Alex Garrett

UPCOMING IN THE PARISH

- AUG 16: Vestry meets after the service
- AUG 19: Cookies, Crafts, and Conversation 3 p.m.
- AUG 26: Game Day! At 3 p.m.
- AUG 30: Pulpit Swap at Christian Valley Church

Rector's Discretionary Fund is Dry – This fund is one of the ways we share the love of Christ by assisting our Harris County neighbors with rent and utilities. Demand is always high – we have helped over 40 households this year alone. If you feel so moved, please drop a few dollars in the plate to rehydrate the well!

The **El Refugio** ministry is our small but mighty response to the need recognized by our diocese: for more humanity in our immigration policies. El Refugio is a lovely historic home in Lumpkin that provides a place for families visiting loved ones imprisoned at the Stewart County Detention Center to spend the night, get a meal, or just take a break from the *ice*-y bureaucracy in a warm and home-like environment. Volunteers perform household cleaning tasks and welcome visitors – no Spanish required! After a brief online orientation, you can volunteer at the hospitality house on any convenient Sunday afternoon. See Margaret Zachry for more information.

The St. Nicholas Book Club has chosen *The Dry*, Jane Harper's debut novel, for its next read. It has been widely praised as a gripping, atmospheric mystery with intricate plotting and compelling character development. See your newsletter for more. The Book Club meets next on September 2 after Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.



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