



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

The Day of Pentecost
(Whitsunday)

BLUEGRASS SUNDAY

June 8, 2025
Holy Eucharist Rite II

PRELUDE | In the Garden

Performed by
Heaven's Harvest Bluegrass Band

PROCESSIONAL | Are you washed in the blood?

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Refrain

Are you washed in the blood, In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb?

Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you walking daily by the Savior's side? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Do you rest each moment in the Crucified? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Refrain

When the Bridegroom cometh will your robes be white? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Will your soul be ready for the mansions bright, And be washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Refrain

Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin, And be washed in the blood of the Lamb;
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean, O be washed in the blood of the Lamb!

Refrain

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.**

GLORIA | Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun.

We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON | Genesis 11:1-9

Lector: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."

The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM | Psalm 104:25-35, 37 *Benedic, anima mea*

The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.

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 NEW TESTAMENT | Romans 8:14-17

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

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN | Angel Band

My latest sun is sinking fast my race is nearly run
My strongest trials now are past my triumph hath begun.

Refrain

Oh come, angel band come and around me stand

Oh, bear me away on your snow-white wings to my immortal home

Oh, bear me away on your snow-white wings to my immortal home

I've almost gained my heav'nly home my spirit loudly sings
The holy ones, behold they come! I hear the noise of wings.

Refrain

THE GOSPEL | John 14:8-17, 25-27

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

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

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

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 RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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.

Celebrant:

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 the Day of Pentecost

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

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

May you Spirit stir up in us a powerful sense of hope as we lift our prayers to you, saying, "Glory and praise to you, O Living God."

The Spirit has come to lead your people into deeper understanding and deeper relationship with you; give your church the courage to go where it leads us. **Glory and praise to you, O Living God.**

Inspire this nation, that we might pursue your ways of justice, mercy, and dignity so that the people of this land might live together in peace and unity, working together towards a more perfect union. **Glory and praise to you, O Living God.**

May the Spirit of God be a cleansing wind in our lives, that we might embody the righteousness of Christ in our lives, through faith, and take up his work on behalf of our neighbors. **Glory and praise to you, O Living God.**

Rouse us out of complacency and apathy, and galvanize our commitment to creating a sustainable future for all people, that the abundance of creation might be available to all future generations. **Glory and praise to you, O Living God.**

Enter into the lives of all who know pain, fear, illness, and anxiety that they might know the freedom of your healing grace and live in the fullness of their belovedness. Especially we pray for John, and for John and Charlotte. **Glory and praise to you, O Living God.**

Welcome into the fellowship of the saints all who die, that they may be made complete in the forge of your saving grace. **Glory and praise to you, O Living God.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God of Wisdom and Knowledge, you have always sought to bring us into the full goodness of your creation. May we ever perceive and follow your Holy Spirit that our lives might reflect your glory and love. All this we ask in the name of Christ who with the Holy Spirit and You are One God over heaven and earth for all time. **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

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 | In the sweet by and by

There's a land that is fairer than day and by faith we can see it afar,
For the Father waits over the way to prepare us a dwelling place there.

Refrain

In the sweet by and by we shall meet on that beautiful shore.

In the sweet by and by we shall meet on that beautiful shore.

We shall sing on that beautiful shore the melodious songs of the blessed
And our spirit shall sorrow no more not a sign for the blessing of rest.

Refrain

THE DOXOLOGY | *Old 100th*

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

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.

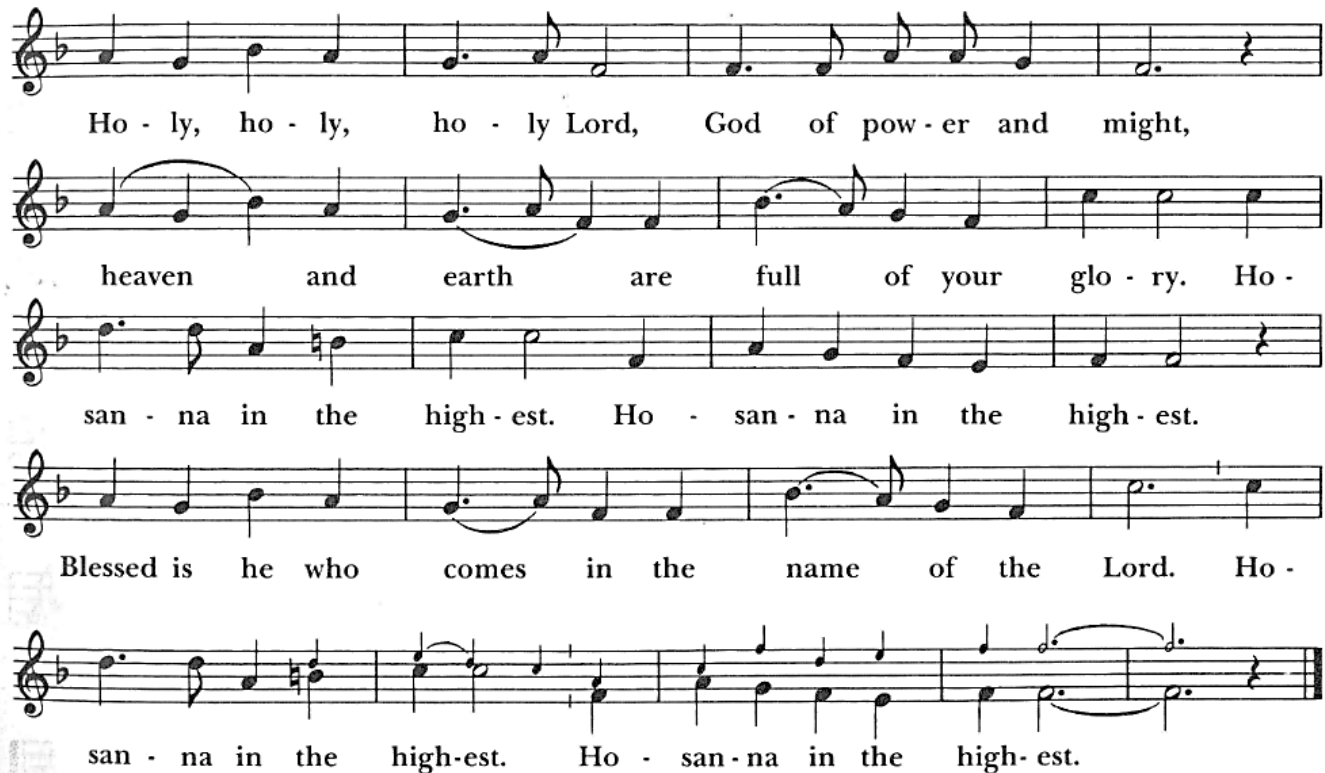
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day]
from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples
of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve 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:

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Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*



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*.**

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Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

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

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

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

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 | Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary.

Refrain

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me.

Refrain

To that old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share.

Refrain

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 saw the light

I wandered so aimless; life filled with sin, I wouldn't let my dear Savior in;
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night. Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

Refrain:

I saw the light, I saw the light, no more darkness, no more night;

Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight. Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

Just like a blind man, I wandered along, worries and fears I claimed for my own:
Then, like the blind man that God gave back his sight – Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

Refrain

I was a fool to wander and stray straight is the gate and narrow's the way;
now I have traded the wrong for the right. Praise the Lord! I saw the light. *refrain*

Refrain

DISMISSAL

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

Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE | Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Performed by
Heaven's Harvest Bluegrass Band

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Thank you for joining us in worship today.

*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.*

VISITING TODAY?

We are so glad you joined us in worship this Sunday. Please stay for lunch – we made plenty to share! If you have any questions about our church, feel free to ask. We would love to keep in touch: If you'd like to fill out a welcome card (on the table in the narthex), you can put it in the offering plate or drop it on the desk in the office. You can also visit our website at stnicholashamilton.org, or look for us on Facebook.

Welcome to our musicians today: Heaven's Harvest Bluegrass Band

Dan Davidson- Bass
Dan Campbell- fiddle
George Miles- banjo
John Boyd- guitar

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Your prayers are asked for John Wilson, and for John & Charlotte Winsness as they mourn Charlotte's aunt, Frances Minton. 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

Lynn Norris, *Lector*
Martha Dimon, *Eucharistic Minister*
Charles & Lynn Norris, *Ushers*
Katherine Johnson, *Virtual Minister*
Riley-Anne Johnson, *Crucifer*
Jim Gilliam & Alex Garrett, *Flowers*

Book Club will meet June 11 – they did not meet on June 4 due to illness. Please feel free join in after Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.



Christian Creation Care 101 – JUNE 22

After the service a representative from GIPL (Georgia Interfaith Power & Light) will present this workshop, part of our obligation to GIPL in gratitude for the \$1,000 grant they are providing to change out the lights in the nave to more energy-efficient LEDs. Please plan on attending.

JUNE 29 – Pulpit Swap with Christian Valley is here at St. Nicholas (which is a reversal of how we usually do it). Sign up to bring food on the kitchen pass-through.



St. Nicholas Boston Butt Sale 2025

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Harris County's Juneteenth Celebration is right around the corner from us this year at the Community Center, and proceeds benefit our BackSnacks program.

St. Nicholas has always been a supporter of this event in the name of sharing the love of Christ among all people and promoting unity and education in our community. We hope you and your family will come and lend your presence to the work of our parish.

**HARRIS
COUNTY
JUNETEENTH
CELEBRATION**

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