



September 1, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist, Rite Two  
Eucharistic Prayer A

*Welcome to*  
**St. David's Episcopal Church**

# The Word of God

## Processional Hymn

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise** (*St. Denio*)

**Hymnal 423**

1) Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

2) Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3) To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

4) Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

**BCP 355**

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant may say*

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.**

*The following is sung, all standing:*

# Glory to God

*(Canticle 20) (Powell)*

BCP 356 / 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.

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## The Collect of the Day

BCP 357

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## The Lessons

### Old Testament:

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

A Reading from the Song of Solomon.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,

leaping upon the mountains,

bounding over the hills.

<sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle

or a young stag.

Look, there he stands  
behind our wall,  
gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.

<sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;

<sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.

<sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away.”

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

<sup>1</sup>My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*  
*my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.*

<sup>2</sup>You are the fairest of men; \*  
*grace flows from your lips,*  
*because God has blessed you for ever.*

<sup>7</sup>Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*  
*a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of*  
*your kingdom;*  
*you love righteousness and hate iniquity.*

<sup>8</sup>Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \*  
*with the oil of gladness above your fellows.*

<sup>9</sup>All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes,  
and cassia, \*  
*and the music of strings from ivory palaces*  
*makes you glad.*

<sup>10</sup>Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the  
court; \*  
*on your right hand is the queen,*  
*adorned with the gold of Ophir.*

A Reading from the letter of James.

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

<sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

<sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves

and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.

<sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

<sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn Come, thou fount of every blessing**

**Hymnal 686**

1) Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace!  
Streams of mercy never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,  
mount of God's unchanging love.



2) Here I find my greatest treasure;  
hither, by thy help, I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3) Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.

### **The Holy Gospel:**

**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

*Please stand.*

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according  
to Mark.

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who  
had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus],  
<sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating  
with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.

<sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat  
unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus

observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)

<sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”

<sup>6</sup>He said to them,

“Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them,

“Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Sermon: The Reverend Jeff Wallace**

#### **The Nicene Creed (BCP p. 358)**

*Please stand.*

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.

## **The Prayers of the People, Form VI**

**BCP 392**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; especially the staff of St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center; Porter-Gaud Episcopal School in Charleston; Ireja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola; the congregations of St. David's Anglican Church and St. David's Episcopal Church; and St. David's Episcopal School & Daycare staff and families;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Justin, the archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding bishop; Sean, our presiding bishop elect; Ruth, our bishop; Jeff, our priest; and all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially;

*(See Prayer List Insert)*

For our shut-ins, chronically ill and those who live alone, and any we wish to name aloud or in our heart;

*Members of the congregation may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom; especially Peggy Sue Hamden Stewart.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People:*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Absolution**

*The Celebrant says*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

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.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Announcements

# The Holy Communion

*The Celebrant says:*

**BCP 376**

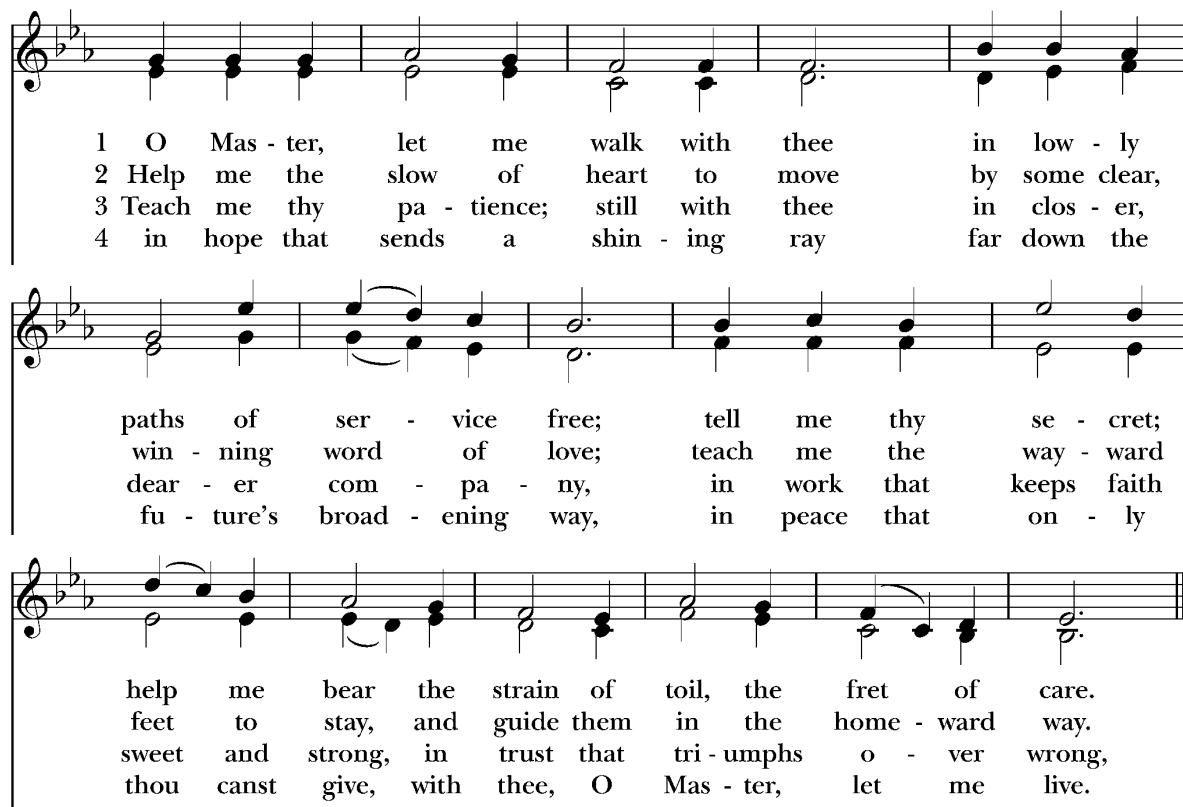
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

## Offertory Hymn

**O Master, let me walk with thee** (*Maryton*)

**Hymnal 660**



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,  
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

## **Doxology (*Old 100<sup>TH</sup>*)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

All things come of thee, O Lord,  
***And of thine own have we given thee.***

## **The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A**

**BCP 361**

*Please remain standing.*

*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.

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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:



*Celebrant and People:*

## Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy

*(Schubert/Proulx)* Hymnal S 130 / BCP 362

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The music consists of six lines of staves. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes". The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. There are several long horizontal lines (breath marks) under the lyrics "might," and "comes" to indicate where the singer should breathe.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_ hea - ven and earth are  
full, \_\_\_\_\_ full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of chords and notes. The lyrics 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with more chords and notes, with the lyrics 'in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' written below it. The music concludes with a double bar line.

*The Celebrant continues*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 363**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*The Celebrant says*

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.

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

You may decline the bread and/or the wine by crossing your arms over your chest when offered to you at the altar. You may also choose to remain seated in your pew.

If you require a gluten-free wafer or if you find it difficult to get to the altar and would like to receive communion at your seat, please let an usher know.

*The Elements of Bread and Wine are distributed.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says;*

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.

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, blesses the people.*

## Recessional Hymn

Rejoice, ye pure in heart *(Marion)*

Hymnal 556

1) Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your glorious banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your King.

*[Refrain]*

Rejoice, rejoice,  
rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

2) With all the angel choirs,  
with all the saints of earth,  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
true rapture, noblest mirth.

*Refrain*

3) Your clear hosannas raise,  
and alleluias loud;  
while answering echoes upward float,  
like wreaths of incense cloud.

*Refrain*

4) Yes, on through life's long path,  
still chanting as ye go,  
from youth to age, by night and day,  
in gladness and in woe.

*Refrain*

5) Still lift your standard high,  
still march in firm array,  
as warriors through the darkness toil,  
till dawns the golden day.

*Refrain*

## Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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## Announcements:

- ◆ The **Vestry** will meet on **Wednesday, September 4** at 5:00pm. Touch base with Phil Powell or Sarah Spruill if you have questions.
- ◆ Fr. Jeff's non-profit ministry, Grace-based Grief Resources for Children (GGRC), which ministers to traumatized and bereaved children and their helpers, will have a **Superhero Celebration** event at New Realm Brewery in Daniel Island next **Sat., Sept. 7**. Events start at 12:30 and go to 9:30, with children's musician Roger Day doing a pizza party and concert at 3:00, and well-known Charleston musicians Wallace Mullinax & Murray Baroody taking the stage at 5:30. The concerts and events are free; donations will be accepted. See Fr. Jeff for details.
- ◆ Next Sunday, Sept. 8, Fr. Jeff will be out of town, so we will have a Morning Prayer service. Be sure to be here for that different service format, and if you would like to be involved, talk with Van Pate or Fr. Jeff.
- ◆ The **School Board** will have their next regular meeting on **Monday, September 9**, at 4:00pm. If you have questions contact Vickie Buckner.
- ◆ The annual Big **St. David's School Flower Sale** is underway! See the bulletin board by the Parish Office for details, or see Jimmy Carol Avent.
- ◆ The first Sunday of each month Fr. Jeff, has added to the regular worship schedule a **Said Service**; a Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayer service (no music) at **8:30 am**. Join us next month on Sunday, October 6, when we again have this special service.
- ◆ Join us for our **Social Time** between Sunday School and our service, and again following the service. We'll enjoy a light snack and pleasant chat in the Chapel. This will also help preserve the quiet of the Sanctuary.



Welcome!

Regardless of whether or not you regularly attend here, we are happy to have you as one of us today! Feel free to come up close, and kneel before our Lord's altar and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. If you need a gluten-free wafer, then please indicate this to one of the ushers.

Of course, if you prefer to remain seated during Eucharist, we are fine with that as well. We merely hope that your experience with us today is divinely positive and truly meaningful.

As Priest-in-Charge, I would be glad for us to have a conversation during the coffee hour or to have a scheduled appointment for another time. I love answering questions about why we do what we do and about who we are as Episcopalian Christians. If you have a confidential matter to voice, I can be trusted as a priest and as a certified grief counselor.



Again, I am very happy that you have chosen to be with us this day. Feel free to contact me personally. On Sunday afternoons, I am only available for pastoral emergencies.

Blessings, Father Jeff+

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