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Conway, South Carolina



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM
August 10, 2025

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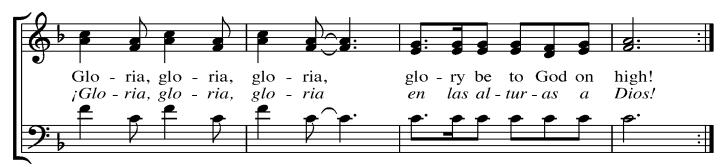
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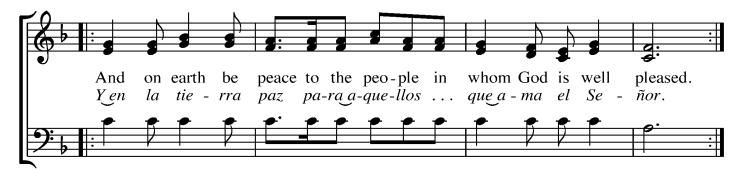
Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

SONG OF PRAISE 100 Hymn Of Praise Gloria, Gloria, Gloria (Sosa)





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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: 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*.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

Please be seated.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 33

The cantor will sing the refrain and the congregation repeats it. The cantor will sing the psalm verses, the people joining in the refrain where indicated.

Cantor: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen, chosen to be his own.

People: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen, chosen to be his own.

Cantor: Exult you just, in the Lord; Praise from the upright is fitting. Blessed the

nation whose God is the Lord, The people he has chosen for his own

inheritance.

People: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen, chosen to be his own.

Cantor: See, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him, Upon those who

hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in

spite of famine.

People: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen, chosen to be his own.

Cantor: Our soul waits for the Lord, who is help and our shield. May your

kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

People: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen, chosen to be his own.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

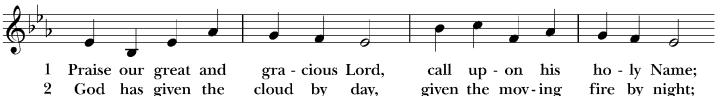
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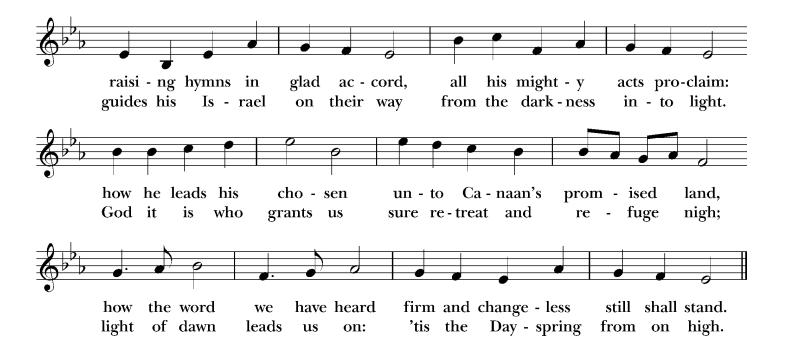
People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Please stand as you are able.

Praise Our Great And Gracious Lord (Maoz Zur) (H 393)





GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Kevin Holland Sparrow

Please be seated.

A moment of quiet reflection is held after the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

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

Who can separate us from the love of God? Let our hearts now respond to such overwhelming love as we pray together in the Spirit, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That God will renew the merciful covenant made with us in love we pray.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That the ministers of the gospel may be people of genuine conversion and prophetic voice. We pray for *Sean*, *our Presiding Bishop*, *Ruth our Bishop*, *and Kevin our priest*.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That the bread of life may be shared one day by all Christians at a common table of praise. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *Our Companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic, The Rt. Rev. Moisés Quezada Mota*. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda*.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the poor of the world, and for governments called to assist them in their need. We pray for *Donald, our President, Henry, our Governor, members of Congress, the Supreme Court and all those in public authority.*

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the sick and the suffering in our world. Especially we pray for *Keith, Jessica, Maveraick, Karen L, Karen B, Jesse, Victor, Leslie, George, Bernadine, Steve, Lew, Claudia, Wendy, Millie, Ted, Nelljean, Alex, Amy, Ann and Mike, Ann, Ann S., Betty, Bobby, Danielle and Rowan, Denise, Donna G., Elizabeth, Jeff, Josie, Joyce, Laura, Linda, Mike, Paulette, Susan, Thom and Carol, and Trudy.*

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us be mindful of the dead. That they may come into the fullness of life, united with God in the communion of the faithful. We pray for *Christopher and Bob*.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Priest:

O God, your loving care for us calls for our gratitude. Multiply once again your abundant mercy toward us; renew your covenant with us; and let our hearts overflow with godly love for others. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Rabbi and Lord, now and in the Spirit and forever. *Amen*.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Together, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of silent reflection is held.

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*.

Priest: 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

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says:

"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High." (*Psalm 50:14*)

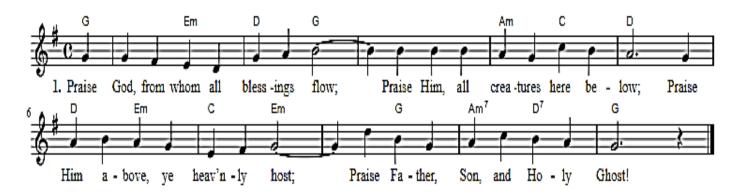
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

It is Well With My Soul

Norman Howard, Baritone Alex Lefevre, piano

OFFERTORY PRESENTATION

Please stand as you are able.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

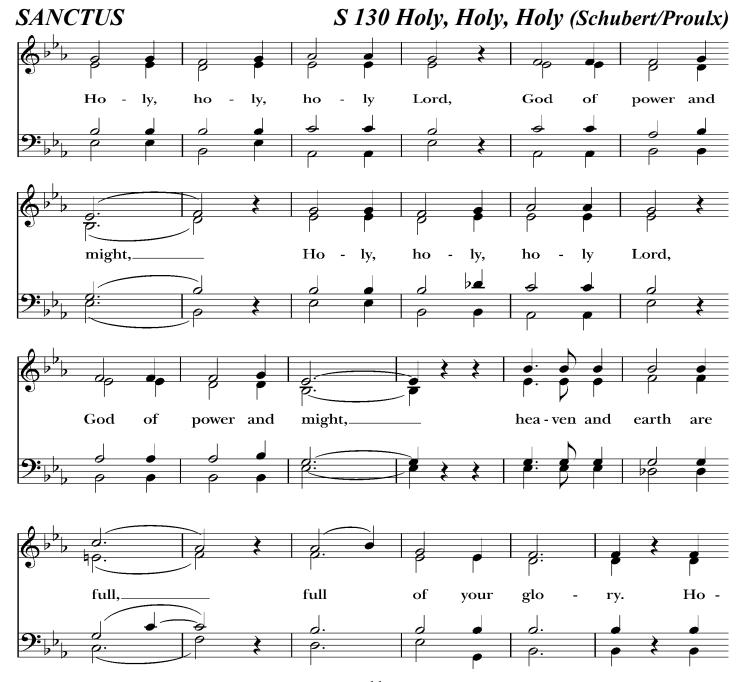
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

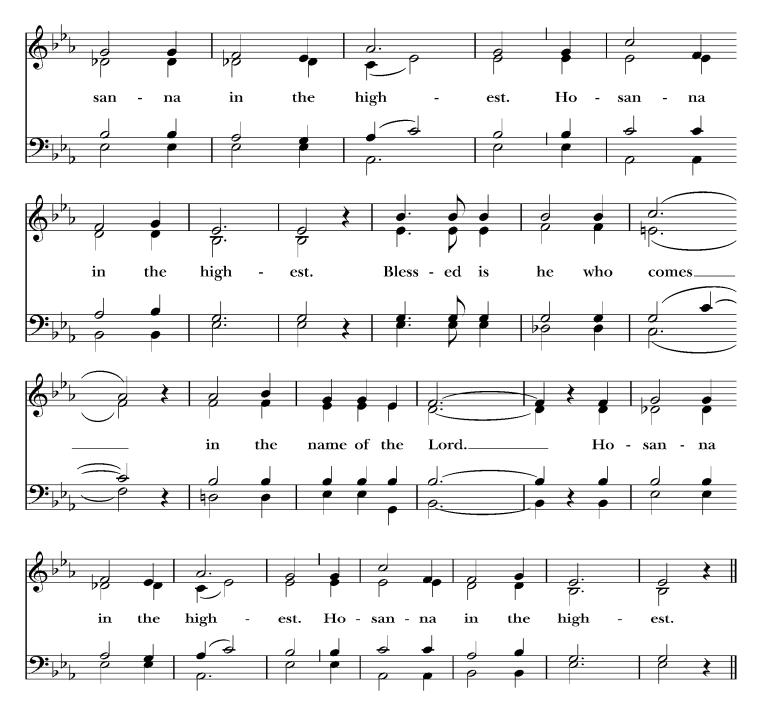
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





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:

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*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

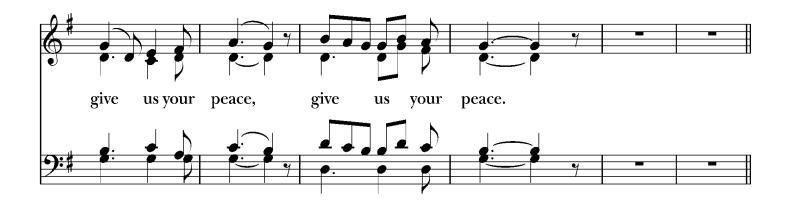
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen*.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD





INVITATION

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Holy Gifts for a Holy People.

All baptized Christians, from any tradition or denomination, are warmly invited to share in Holy Communion at Saint Anne's.

The ushers will guide you when it is time to come forward. To receive the bread, simply hold out your hands. You may then either:

- Drink from the chalice by gently guiding it to your lips, or
- Dip (intinct) the bread into the chalice yourself.

Please know that receiving only the bread or only the wine is a full participation in Communion. Gluten-free hosts are available—just let the minister know.

If you would prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will be honored to offer a blessing.

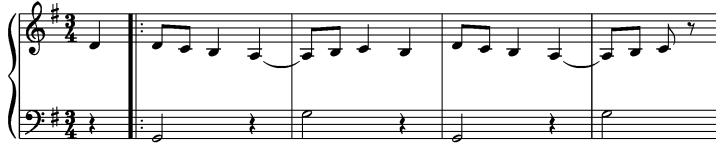
If you are interested in learning more about Baptism, Fr. Kevin would be delighted to talk with you.

Wherever you are on your journey with God—or toward God—you have a place here, and you are most welcome.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

Bless Now (VF 142)





- make, all Bless now, your peo - ple
- O God the jour ney that journ-ers and pil grims who e ter nal lov er, you Bless so share this wind - ing way— 3 Di - vine meet us the road. on





and si - lence, the way of give and take. path thru noise whose hope burns through out the ter - rors whose love sus-tains the day. land where milk and hon - ey flow. wait for of prom-ise We





Play either keyboard or guitar accompaniment, but not together.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray...

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*.

SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Priest: Cathy, in the name of Saint Anne's, I send you forth bearing these

holy gifts to Jane, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are

one body.

People: Because we all share in one bread, one cup.

BLESSING

May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short; Grace to risk something big for something good; Grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love.

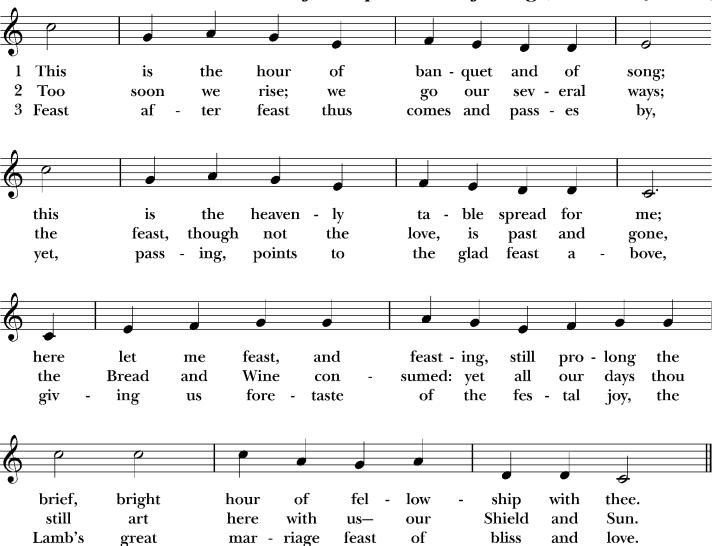
So may God take your minds and think through them; May God take your lips and speak through them; May God take your hearts and set them on fire.

And the blessing of God Almighty,

★ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. *Amen*.

FINAL HYMN

This Is The Hour Of Banquet And Of Song (Canticum refectionis)



DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Worship Participants	8:30 AM	10:00AM
Altar Guild		Rebecca Lovelace
Altar Servers	Randy Wilson	Kurt Heckert, Jr.
Lector	Rosemary Jenrette	Jeri Jeffries
Prayers of the People	Rosemary Jenrette	Susan Slavin
Ushers		Mike & Mary Jo Roberts
Verger		Barry Dennis
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