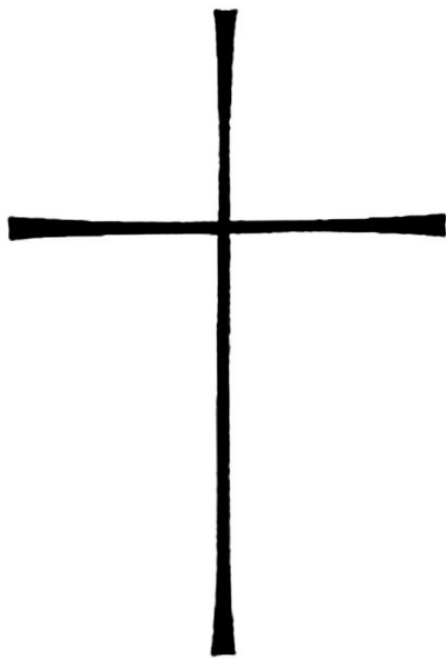




THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE
RESURRECTION
STARKVILLE, MS

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 18
Holy Eucharist Rite II
September 6, 2026
10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

We are delighted that you have joined us today. The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection has been gathering to worship together and spread God's word since 1890. In the Episcopal tradition, it is customary to observe silence before the service to help create a prayerful environment. Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart. During the service, let God speak to you through the Word and Sacrament, and after the service, speak with your neighbor!

Our services of Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist are ordered by the *Book of Common Prayer 1979* (red cover). The liturgy, readings, and hymn numbers are printed in the service booklet. The hymns are found in *The Hymnal 1982* (blue cover). The congregation plays an important role in our worship, and you are encouraged to take part as you are comfortable.

All baptized Christians from any tradition are welcome to receive communion when we celebrate Holy Eucharist. If you wish to receive, please come forward to the altar when the celebrant indicates. You may choose to stand or kneel at the rail. To receive the bread, simply hold out your hands, palms up, one on top of the other. To receive the wine, you may either hold your wafer to intinct (*carefully dip*) the bread into the cup, or you may assist a chalice bearer and take a small sip. Also, communion in one kind (*just the bread or wine*) is sufficient. If you wish to participate but not receive, come forward to the altar rail, and simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing from the priest.

For more information about our parish, please call us at (662) 323-3483 or complete a card located in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate.

A PRAYER FOR THE CALLING OF A RECTOR BCP P. 818

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to seek Christ and to make Him known in a dynamic place of worship and to create a loving and supportive community that shares spiritual and physical help with others.

DIOCESAN INCLUSION STATEMENT

We respect the dignity of all persons, regardless of national origin, race, gender, age, or sexual orientation, and welcome and encourage them to fully participate in all areas of parish life.

THE WORD OF GOD

*Please observe silence when you enter the nave before the service
to create a prayerful environment for worship.*

PRELUDE

THE ENTRANCE HYMN *All creatures of our God and King* Hymnal 400 (v 1-3)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP p. 355

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 HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God*

Hymnal S-280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *(All may stand or kneel.)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put

it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #410

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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Psalm 149

Cantate Domino

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new / **song**; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the / **faithful**.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his / **Maker**; *

let the children of Zion be joyful in their / **King**.

3 Let them praise his Name in the / **dance**; *

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and / **harp**.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his / **people** *

and adorns the poor with / **victory**.

- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in / **triumph; ***
 let them be joyful on their / **beds.**
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their / **throat ***
 and a two-edged sword in their / **hand;**
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the / **nations ***
 and punishment on the / **peoples;**
- 8 To bind their kings in / **chains ***
 and their nobles with links of / **iron;**
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment de/**creed; ***
 this is glory for all his faithful people.
Halle/lujah!

THE SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Bless'd Jesus, at thy word

Hymnal 440

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

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

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

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to

the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Will Compton

THE NICENE CREED (*All stand.*)

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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*)

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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;

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

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Dorothy our Bishop; and all bishops
and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People 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.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People, kneeling

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.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380 v. 3

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.**

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.

The Celebrant will add a Proper Preface.

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

Hymnal S 125

The people stand or kneel.

Then 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.

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

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Hymnal 174

COMMUNION HYMN

Jesu Jesu

LEVAS 74

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

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1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 2. white, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.
 3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
 5. feet, this is the way we should live with you.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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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 BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

HYMNAL 376

THE DISMISSAL

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Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

***Today's flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
 and in loving memory of Sam Baker by his family.***

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PARISH PRAYER LIST

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About our Parish Prayer List: Please ensure that you have the permission of any person whose name goes on our prayer list. Remember to contact the parish office to remove names when prayer needs have been met.

THIS WEEK AT ECR

Tuesday, September 8

6:00 p.m. Casserole Kitchen

Thursday, September 10

6:00 p.m. Casserole Kitchen

Saturday, September 12

11:00 a.m. Casserole Kitchen

Sunday, September 13 Fall Kick-Off

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite I (Devan Torrence-Pollitz)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for ALL ages

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite II (Devan Torrence-Pollitz)

11:45 a.m. Ministry Fair and Fall Fiesta

5:00 p.m. EYC

TODAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant/Homilist	The Reverend Will Compton
Bell Ringer	Cameron Long-McMillen
Greeter	Anne Buffington
Lector	Charlie Thompson
LEM Readings	Clarissa Balbalian
LEM Prayers	Cliff Long
Oblation Bearer	Rex Buffington
Ushers	Devan Torrence-Pollitz
	Laura Bryan
Crucifer	George Dunn
Torch/Plate	Hayden Duckworth
Torch	Caleb Duckworth
Clergy Cross	Jude Dunn
Vestry on Duty	Jeffrey Duckworth
Verger	Kelli Phelps
Altar Guild	Marty Friend
	Lee Gibson
Flower Guild	Leslie Baker

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