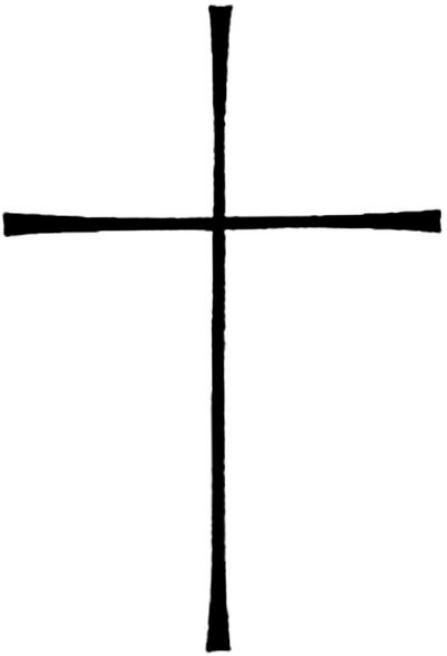


The Episcopal Church
of the
Resurrection
Starkville, MS

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 27
Holy Eucharist Rite II
November 8, 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. Please silence all cell phones. 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.

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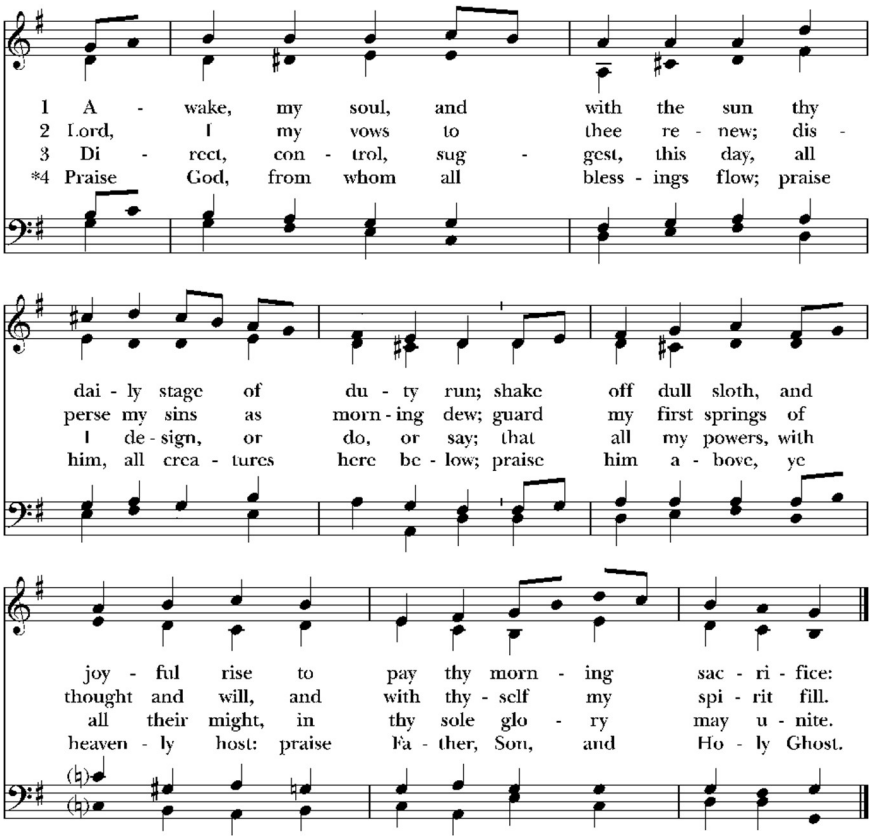
We respect the dignity of all persons, regardless of national origin, race, gender, age, or sexual orientation, and welcome and encourage them to fully participate in all areas of parish life.

THE WORD OF GOD

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

PRELUDE

THE OPENING HYMN *Awake, my soul, and with the sun* Hymnal 11



Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), alt. Music: *Morning Hymn*, melody François Hippolyte Barthélémon (1741-1808); harm. *The Church Hymnal for the Church Year*, 1917.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Deacon 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.)*

Deacon The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Deacon Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING Joshua 24:1-3A, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way
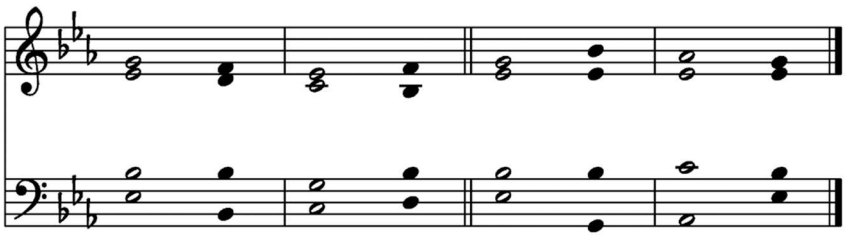
that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM Hymnal S-411

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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Psalm 78:1-7 *Attendite, populo*

1 Hear my teaching, O my **people; ***
incline your ears to the words of my **mouth.**
2 I will open my mouth in a **parable; ***
I will declare the mysteries of ancient **times.**
3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have **told us, ***
we will not hide from their **children.**
4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the **LORD, ***
and the wonderful works he has **done.**

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for **Israel, ***
which he commanded them to teach their **children;**

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet un/**born; ***
that they in their turn might tell it to their **children;**
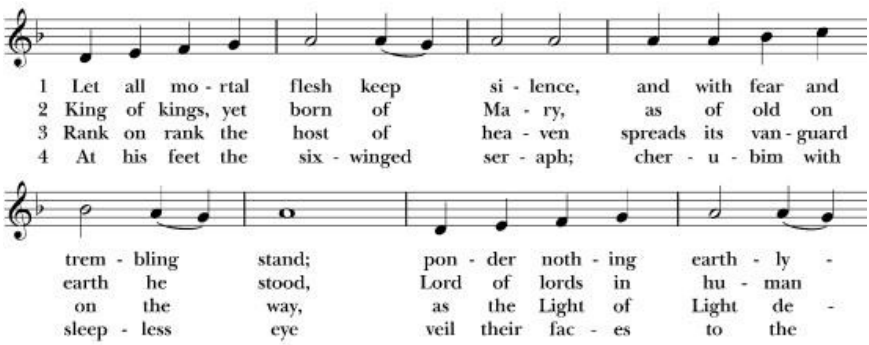
7 So that they might put their trust in **God, ***
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his com/**mandments;**

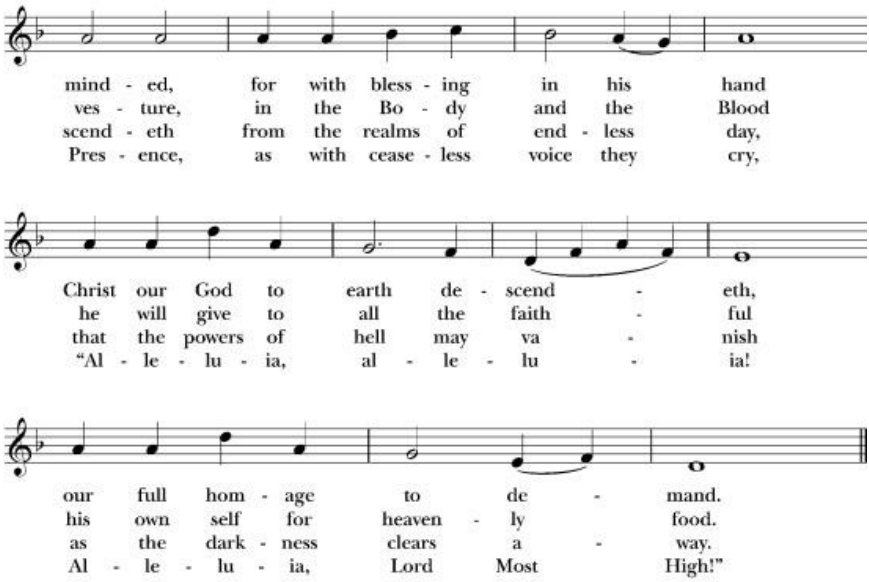
THE SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* Hymnal 324





THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.".

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON The Rev. Lynn Phillips-Gaines, Deacon

THE NICENE CREED *(All stand.)* BCP p. 358

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 III)* BCP p. 387
The people may stand or kneel. The Leader and people pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Sean, our presiding bishop; Dorothy, our bishop; and Lynn, our deacon;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Donald, our president; Tate, our governor; and Lynn, our mayor;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy,
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Deacon adds a concluding Collect.
Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN BCP p. 360

The Deacon says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Deacon and people together, all 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 Deacon remains kneeling and says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *(All stand.)*

Deacon 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
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT John Michael VanHorn

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Deacon Walk in love as Christ loved us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

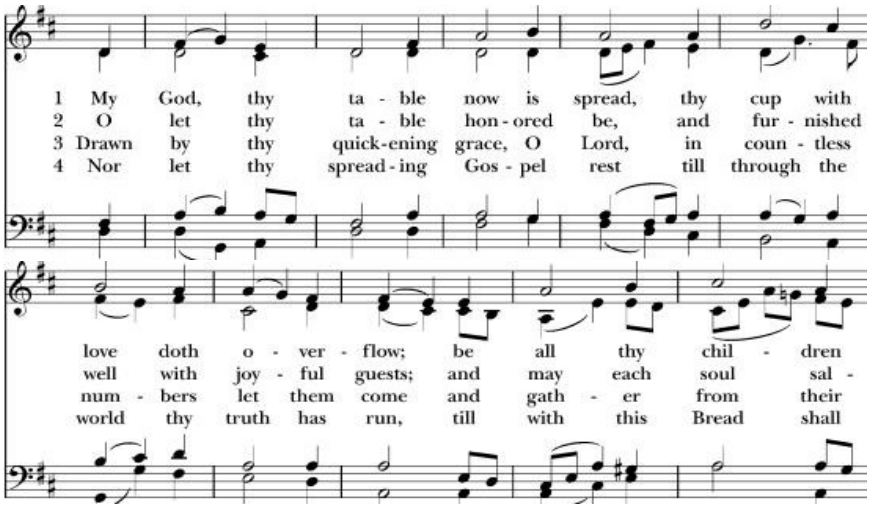
OFFERTORY HYMN *Yonder Come Day* arr. Burkhardt

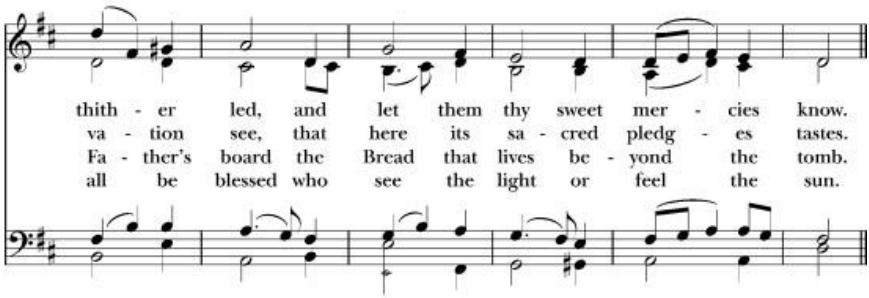
THE DOXOLOGY *(The consecrated bread and wine are brought to the altar.)* Hymnal 380 v. 3

COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT
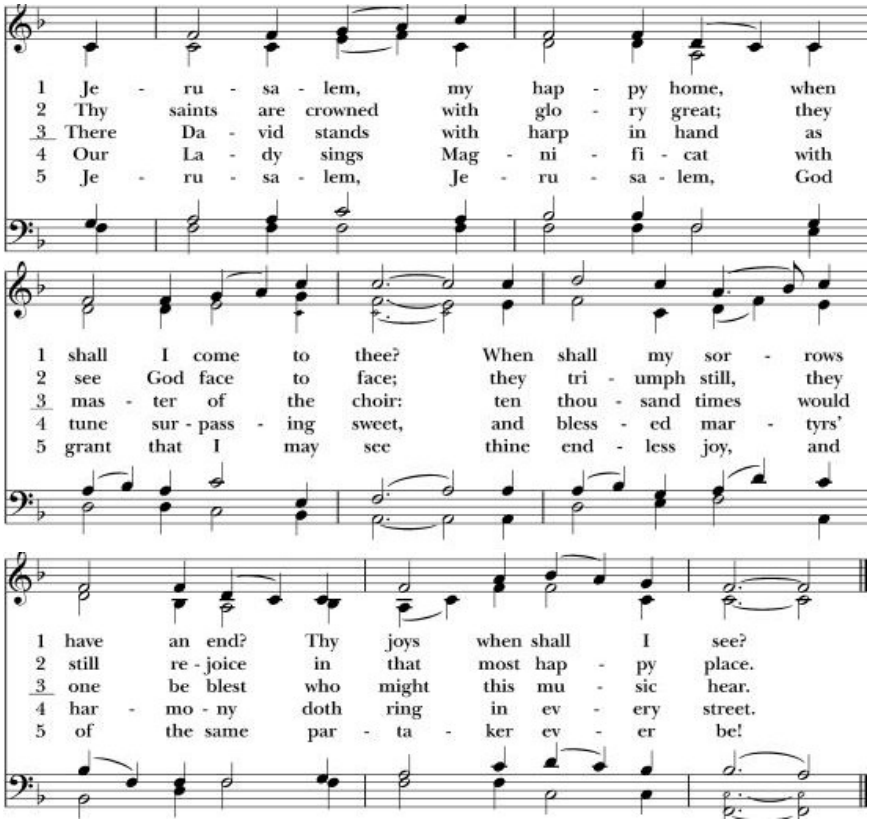
Deacon The Gifts of God for the People of God.
All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

COMMUNION HYMN *My God, thy table now is spread* Hymnal 321





COMMUNION HYMN *Jerusalem, my happy home* Hymnal 620



THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP p. 364

Deacon Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us.

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.
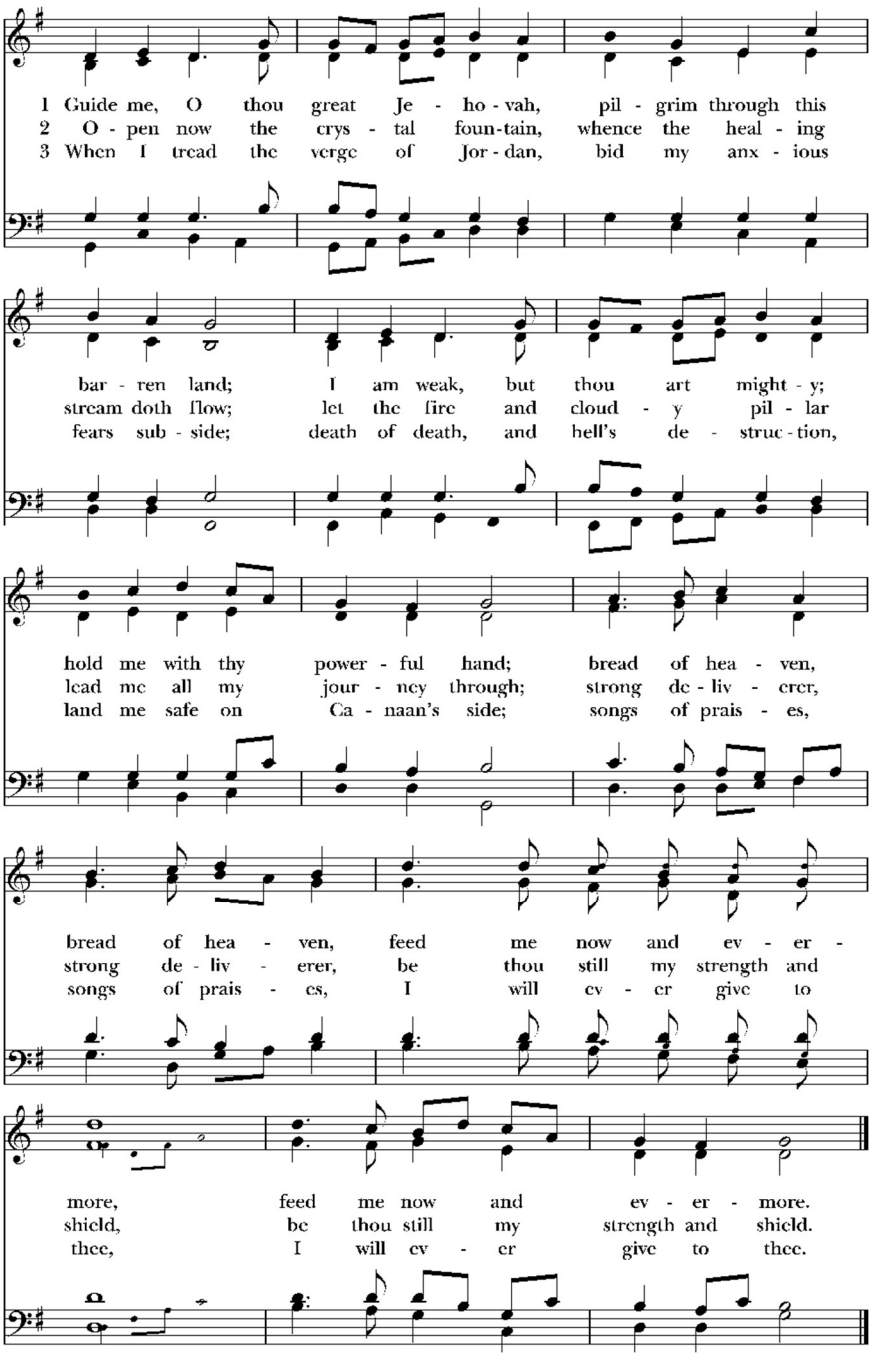
THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *(All may stand or kneel.)* BCP p. 365

Deacon Let us pray.

Deacon 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.

Deacon May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. **Amen.**


1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven, bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Today's flowers are to the glory of God and in grateful appreciation for our devoted choir and musicians.

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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.

Today's Service Participants

Officiant/Homilist	The Reverend Lynn Phillips-Gaines, Deacon
Bell Ringer	
Greeter	Lee Gibson
Lector	Kevin Williams
LEM Readings	Leslie Baker
LEM Prayers	Julia Stephenson
Oblations Bearer	Lauren Marconi
Ushers	Joey Thompson, David Christiansen
Crucifer	Ty Marconi
Torch/Plate	Anne Reid Marconi
Torch	Robin Pugh
Clergy Cross	Caleb Duckworth
Vestry on Duty	Dominque Pugh
Verger	Adam Marconi
Altar Guild	Jane Anna Waide, Tracy Arnett
Flower Guild	Jane Anna Waide, Sandra Waide

This Week At ECR

Sunday, November 8
9:15 a.m. Sunday School ALL Ages
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
(The Rev. Lynn Phillips-Gaines, Deacon)
5:00 p.m. EYC
Tuesday, November 10
6:00 p.m. Casserole Kitchen
Wednesday, November 11
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Thursday, November 12
7:00 a.m. Book Study, *Johnson Hall*
10:30 a.m. Centering Prayer, *Centering Prayer Room*
6:00 p.m. Casserole Kitchen
Saturday, November 13
6:00 p.m. Parents Night Out
Saturday, November 14
11:00 a.m. Casserole Kitchen
Sunday, November 15
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite I
9:15 a.m. Sunday School ALL Ages
10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite II
(Holly Potts)

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Dorothy Sanders Wells, *Bishop of Mississippi*
Cindy Hughes, *Parish Administrator and Bookkeeper*
Callie Ellis, *Parish Music Director*
Dr. Nicholaus B. Cummins, *Organist*
Teresa Kennard and Megan Aucoin, *Nursery Staff*
The Reverend Lynn Phillips-Gaines, *Deacon*
Sarah Walker, *Interim Lay Chaplain*

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