

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 31, 2022, 10:15 AM

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO OUR EUCHARIST SERVICE!
The entire service is printed below;
you'll need no books or other materials to follow along.

The Priest or Leader will say the items in regular type.
You are invited to say aloud the items printed in boldface.

VOLUNTARY

PASTORALE, DARIUS MILHAUD

All stand and join in singing,

OPENING HYMN

THE HYMNAL 1982 #542

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;
cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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

Presider: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

THE HYMNAL 1982 #S-236

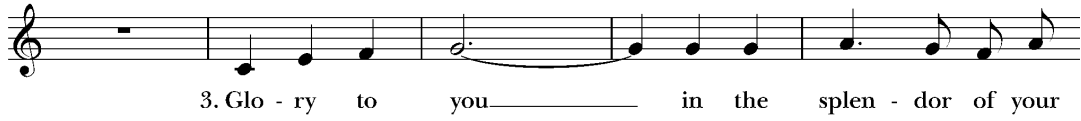
1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you



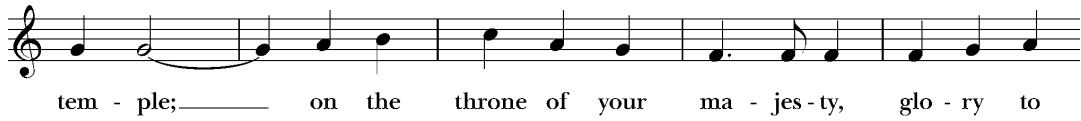
— for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; — we will



praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. —



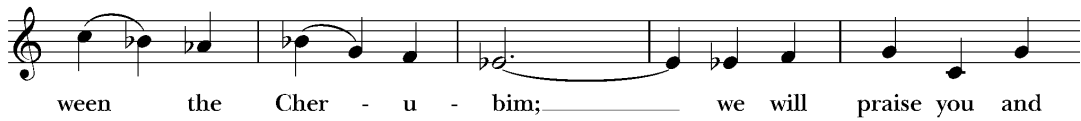
3. Glo - ry to you — in the splen - dor of your



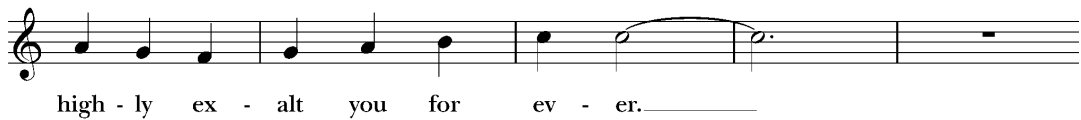
tem - ple; — on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to



you. — 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -




ween the Cher - u - bim; — we will praise you and




high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. —

Descant



5. Glo - ry to you, — be -



5. Glo - ry to you, — be - hold - ing the

hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of
depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo-ry to

hea-ven, 6. Glo-ry to you,
you. 6. Glo-ry to you, Fa-ther,

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit; we will
Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit; we will praise you and

high-ly ex-alt you Glo-ry to you!
high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The People are seated for the lessons.

THE FIRST READING

HOSEA 11:1-11

A reading from the Prophet Hosea.

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

The more I called them,
the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and offering incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.

I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.

I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.

They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.

The sword rages in their cities,
it consumes their oracle-priests,
and devours because of their schemes.

My people are bent on turning away from me.

To the Most High they call,
but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim?

How can I hand you over, O Israel?

How can I make you like Admah?

How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.
I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.
They shall go after the Lord,
who roars like a lion;
when he roars,
his children shall come trembling from the west.
They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
and like doves from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 107:1-9, 43

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes; *
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty; *
their spirits languished within them.

6 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.

7 He put their feet on a straight path *
to go to a city where they might dwell.

8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

9 For he satisfies the thirsty *
and fills the hungry with good things.

43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things, *
and consider well the mercies of the Lord.

THE SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

A reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

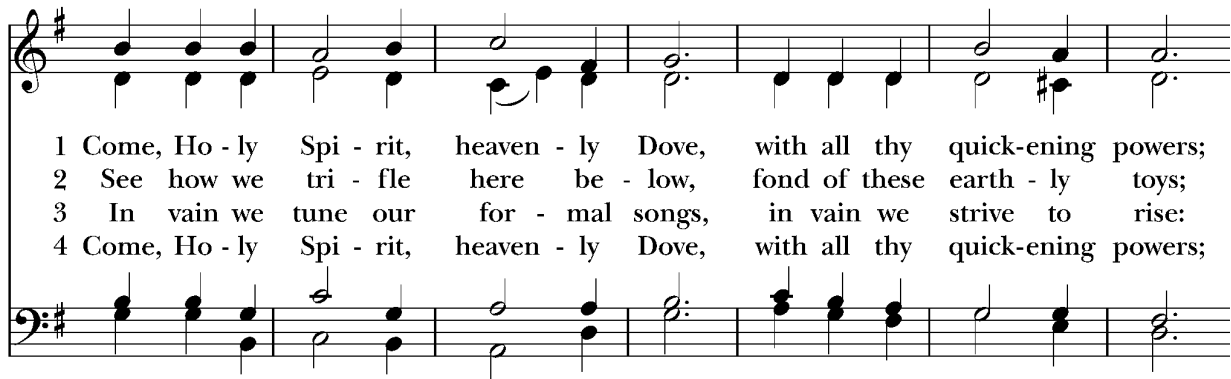
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand and join in singing,

SEQUENCE HYMN

THE HYMNAL 1982 #510



1 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;
2 See how we tri - fle here be - low, fond of these earth - ly toys;
3 In vain we tune our for - mal songs, in vain we strive to rise;
4 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;



kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.
our souls, how heav - i - ly they go, to reach e - ter - nal joys.
ho - san - nas lan - guish on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.
come, shed a - broad a Sa - vior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

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The People remain standing for the Gospel,

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 12:13-21

The Gospeler introduces the Gospel and the People respond,

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And

I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

At the invitation of the Preacher, the People are seated.

THE HOMILY

THE REV. JERRY LASLEY

All stand as they are able.

THE NICENE CREED

**All: 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

The People stand as they are able during the prayers. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader: Sisters and brothers, children of God, let us come before the Most High with humility, saying, “Great and holy God, *incline your ear to us.*”

Set out minds on things divine, O God, that your Church may guard itself against the love of earthly things and instead be rich toward you.

Silence.

Great and holy God,

People: Incline your ear to us.

Leader: May all who dwell in the world, those of both high degree and low, incline their hearts to wisdom and meditate on understanding.

Silence.

Great and holy God,

People: Incline your ear to us.

Leader: Give us grace to be wise and generous stewards, O God. Open our eyes to see your abundance and our reliance.

The People add their thanksgivings.

Silence.

Great and holy God,

People: Incline your ear to us.

Leader: Bless all those to whom we are connected. May we value our relationships more than our possessions. May we realize that in Christ all human distinctions cease to matter. We pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

Great and holy God,

People: Incline your ear to us.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who are in pain or sorrow or any kind of trouble. May we, who have known sorrow, pain, and trouble, show them mercy and compassion and remind them of the hope we have in Christ.

The People add their petitions.

Silence.

Great and holy God,

People: Incline your ear to us.

Leader: We acknowledge our mortality before you, Everlasting God, and we rejoice in the hope of being raised with your Christ. We remember before you the lives of our forebears; may they find, in you, rest from their labors.

Silence.

Great and holy God,

People: Incline your ear to us.

Silence.

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

All: Amen.

All stand or kneel as they are able.

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All: 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.

All: Amen.

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

All: And also with you.

Priest: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

AGNUS DEI, BIZET
AARON MCCOY-JACOBS, SOLOIST

The offering plates are located near the entrance to the sanctuary. No plates will be passed, please place any offerings you have in a plate on your way into or out of the worship space. Thank you!

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

All stand or kneel as they are able.

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 him thanks and praise.

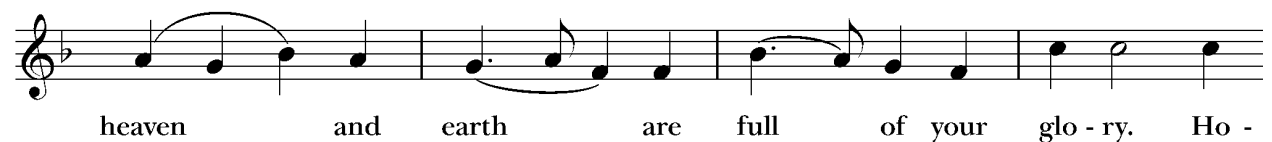
Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

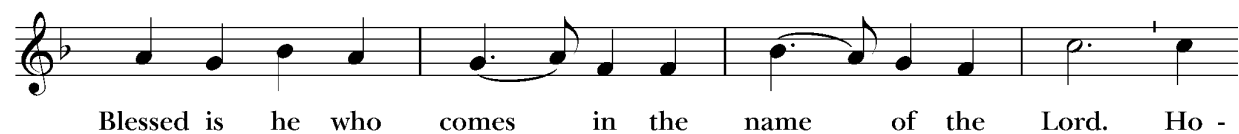
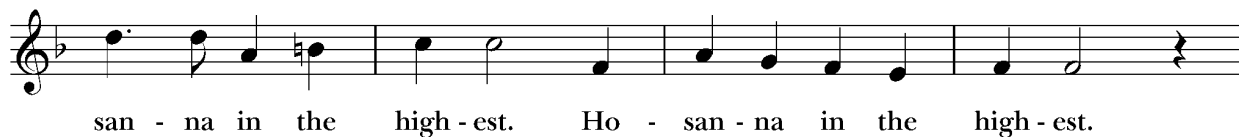
For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

SANCTUS

THE HYMNAL 1982 #S-125





Priest: 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:

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Priest: 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.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: 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

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Priest: 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 invited to share in this sacred meal. This offering of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ is for you, a precious child of God.

At this time, if you are joining us in-person, please carefully form a single line in the middle aisle beginning with the front rows and working back as space allows.

The Priest will distribute communion wafers. A Lay Eucharistic Minister will distribute the wine from the common cup. Please drink from the common cup only – do not intinct (dip your bread)!

If you do not wish to receive either the wine or both the bread and wine, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this and to receive a blessing.

VOLUNTARY

LORD JESUS CHRIST BE PRESENT NOW, J. S. BACH

All stand as they are able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Priest blesses the People and the People respond,

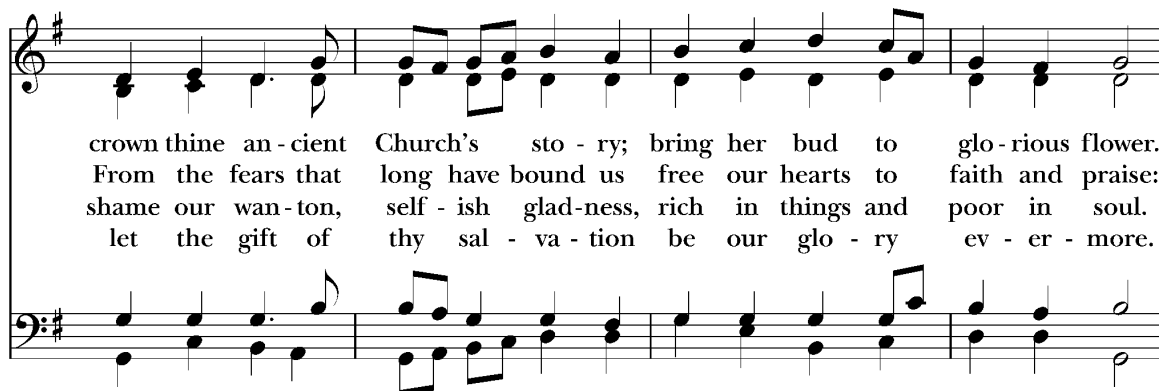
People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

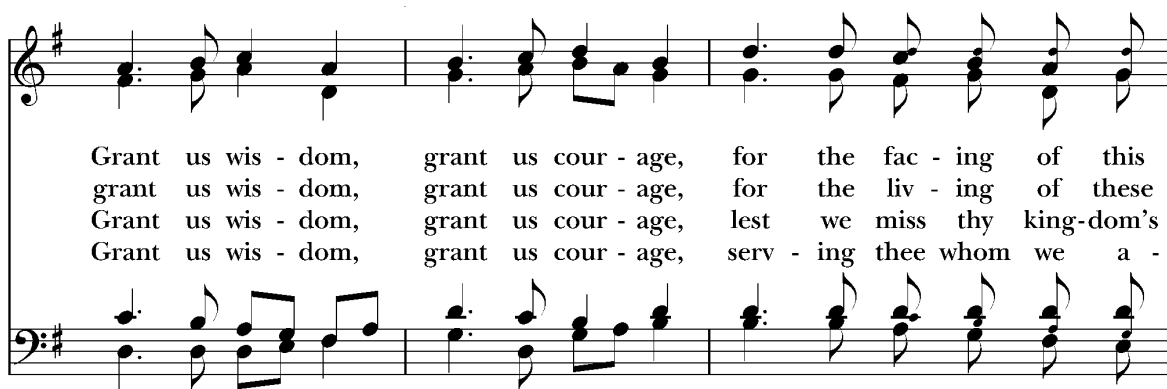
THE HYMNAL 1982 #594



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;



crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.



Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY, PAUL MANZ

JOIN US FOLLOWING THIS SERVICE FOR COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.
 ALL ARE WELCOME!

SERVING TODAY

LEM/Lector: Ken Duck

Ushers/Greeters: Jerri & Paul Bassett

Altar Guild: Anne Naber

Coffee Hour Host(s): Nada Radakovich

SERVING NEXT WEEK (8/7)

LEM/Lector: Joyce Thewalt & Ellen Safley

Ushers/Greeters: Flo Gjerstad & Jan Taylor

Altar Guild: Jane Brewer

Coffee Hour Host(s): Jane Yorks

Ally Golf Challenge Parking

The Ally Golf Challenge at Warwick is coming up! August 25-28 we will be parking cars and we need volunteers! Please sign up on the sign outside of the sanctuary for a time (or two) that you would be willing to help park. Or you can sign up online with QR code to the right. No experience is necessary! You will be instructed on what you are doing upon arrival.



If you already signed up for Monday-Wednesday, we are not going to be parking cars those days. Please contact Ellen Safley or reschedule yourself for a different time if you are able.

This is by far our biggest fundraiser of the year so please consider joining in to help!

Focus Group

The Vestry is having discussions about the future of the church and how we make our footprint into the community. We are planning on a conducting a focus group discussion with members of the community. We are asking every parishioner that knows of someone in the community between the ages of 25 and 45 to invite them to attend our Focus Group Discussion on Wednesday, August 3 at 6 PM. Our goal is to hear from community members about they would be looking for in a church and we can help meet their spiritual needs.

Organ Guild

Our new parish organist, Jeffrey Walker, would like to recruit some volunteers to assist him with organ tuning and maintenance. The current agenda includes weekly touch up tuning of the reeds and other stops as needed and the installation of the swell mixture stop. For more information or to sign up please email him at jeffrey@stchrisgrandblanc.org.

Flat Roof Replacement Fundraiser

Our main (peaked) roof was replaced a few years ago thanks to many generous donations from our congregation. However, as many of you have noticed, our flat roof (the roof over the organ and on the other side of the sanctuary) is still over 20 years old and in need of replacing. Due to the deterioration and the risk of even more damage being done, we cannot wait any longer to have the flat roof fixed. And so, we have entered a contract with the same company that did our peaked roof to replace the flat roof. **The total cost of this project is at least \$55,000!**

So, once again, we are asking for your help to raise the money to replace our roof. If you are able to give even a little above and beyond your pledge toward our roof project, every little bit will help us. Please indicate somewhere on the envelope or in the memo line that your donation is for the roof.

Total Flat Roof Cost: \$55,000.00

Total Donations Received So Far: \$27,445.00

Tech Help Needed

We are desperately in need of volunteers to help livestream our Sunday morning 10:15 am service for those watching online. This is a VITAL part of St. Christopher's ministry! Frank Burger, our livestreaming head, is willing to train anyone - no experience needed - and it is VERY simple once you have learned how to do it! If you would be willing to help, please speak to Fr. Jerry or Frank Burger.

Looking for Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Since we are now back to serving wine with communion, we are reinstating the use of Licensed Lay Eucharistic Ministers. Since we have lost a few in the past years, we would like to encourage others to help us out in this special ministry in our church.

On Saturday, August 13 at 10:00 am Father Jerry will be holding a special class for training and licensing for this ministry. All current LEMs and Lectors are strongly requested to also attend. If you would be interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Flo Gjerstad (810-210-6734) or contact the church office (810-694-3600).

JUNE 2022 INCOME: \$39,137.20

JUNE 2022 EXPENSES: \$45,667.10

CURRENT BANK MORTGAGE AMOUNT: \$567,277.22

CURRENT DIOCESAN MORTGAGE AMOUNT: \$500,000.00

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH LEADERSHIP

The Rt. Rev. Prince G. Singh, Bishop Provisional | The Reverend Jerry Lasley, Rector
The Reverend Dr. Michael Carr, Priest in Residence
The Reverend Elizabeth Morris Downie, Assistant Emeritus
Nada Radakovich, Director of Music | Elizabeth Sailus, Administrative Assistant
Jeffrey Walker, Parish Organist | Joel Stoeklin, Sexton

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