

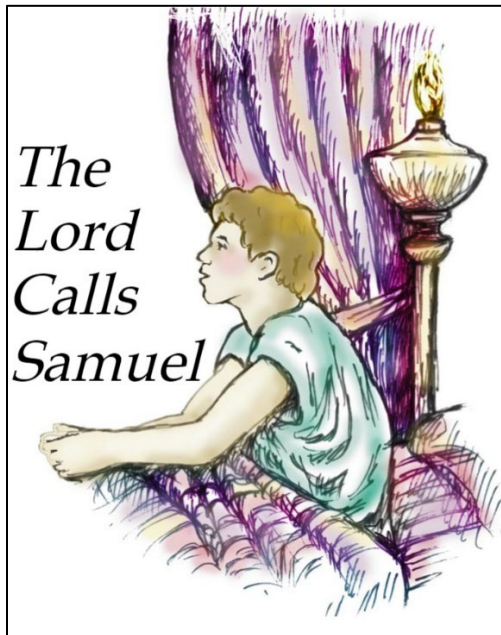
Holy Comforter Episcopal Church

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
COMMISSIONING & CHARGE TO NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS

January 14, 2024

Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:30 a.m.



Our Mission

“Living our Faith by Serving God and Others”

The Reverend Dr. Allen Hill, Rector
The Reverend Beth Pessah, Associate Rector

PRELUDE

Instrumental

PROCESSIONAL

The Great Creator of the Worlds

Hymn 489

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is simple and hymn-like, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with line numbers 1 through 5 on the left. The first system of music covers the first five lines of the hymn. The second system of music covers the next five lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

1 The great Cre - a - tor of the worlds, the sov - ereign God of heaven,
2 He sent no an - gel of his host to bear this might - y word,
3 He sent him not in wrath and power, but grace and peace to bring;
4 He sent him down as send - ing God; in flesh to us he came;
5 He came as Sa - vior to his own, the way of love he trod;

1 his ho - ly and im - mor - tal truth to all on earth hath given.
2 but him through whom the worlds were made, the ev - er - last - ing Lord.
3 in kind - ness, as a king might send his son, him - self a king.
4 as one with us he dwelt with us, and bore a hu - man name.
5 he came to win us by good will, for force is not of God.

6 Not to oppress, but summon all
their truest life to find,
in love God sent his Son to save,
not to condemn mankind.

Words: *Epistle to Diognetus*, ca. 150; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.
Music: *Tallis' Ordinal*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION *(Standing)*

Celebrant 'From the rising of the sun to its setting my name is great among the nations,' says the Lord. *[Malachi 1:11]*

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

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

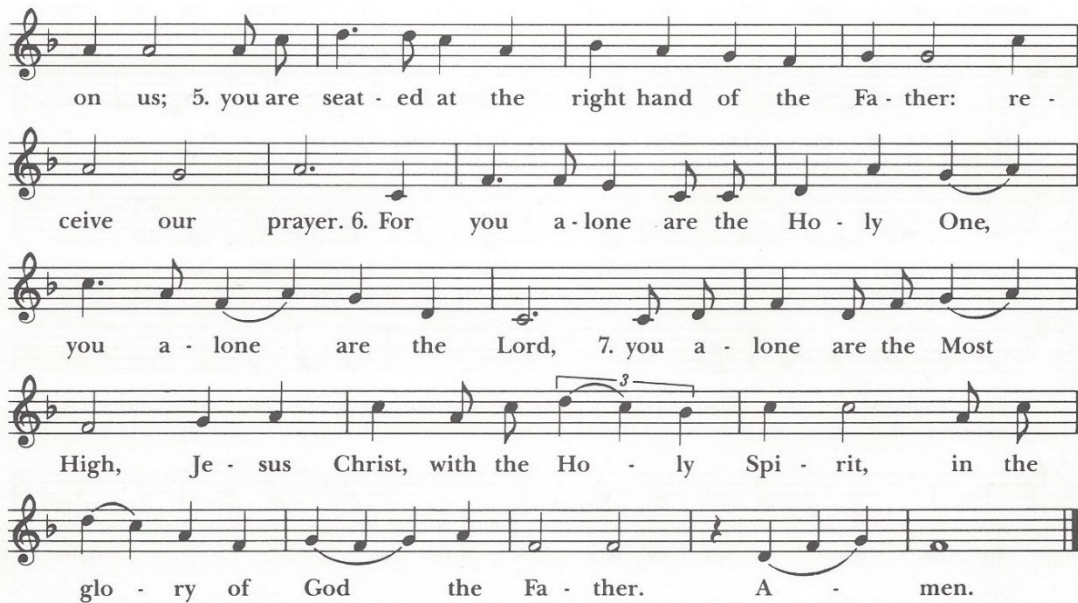
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y 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

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Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call;

lie down again.” So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” Then the LORD said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.”

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence-What indeed is God saying?

PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17 *(Read Responsively)*

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

**4 You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.**

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

**14 My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.**

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.

**16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
how great is the sum of them!**

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

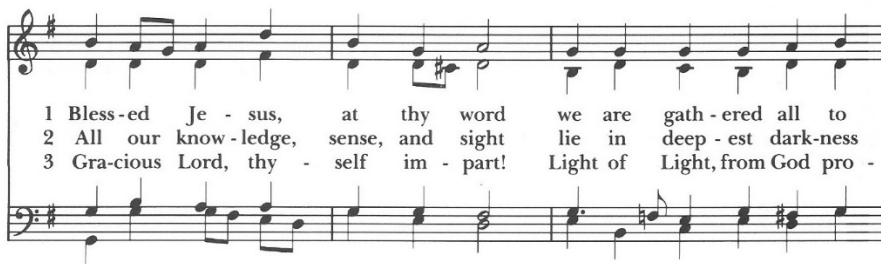
THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence-What indeed is God saying?



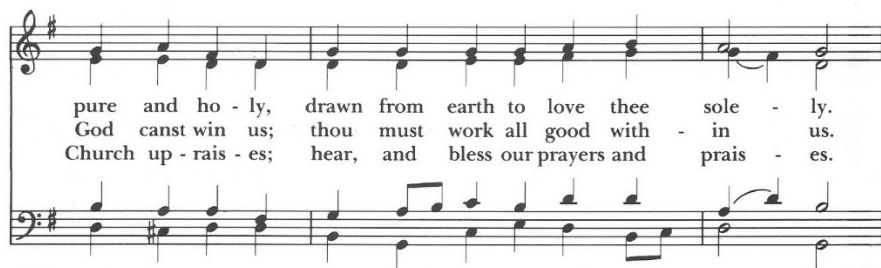
1 Bless-ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark-ness
 3 Gra-cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -



hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,



now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy



pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
 Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional
 oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

Reader Alleluia, alleluia! Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

People Alleluia!

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Beth Pessah

THE NICENE CREED *(All stand, saying together)*

**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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Standing or kneeling)*

Leader Let us offer prayers and intercessions to the God who knows us completely and calls us to follow him, saying, “Christ have mercy.”

We pray for the national church, and especially for the health of our Presiding Bishop, Michael. We pray for this diocese, especially for the Standing Committee and our search for our new bishop. We pray for this congregation: our clergy, our staff, and our lay leaders. Help your church to serve you faithfully.

People **Christ have mercy.**

Leader We pray for peace and goodwill among all nations, for the just treatment and welfare of all people, and for those who govern and hold authority in the world. We pray especially for all public officials of this nation, state, and community, that they may preserve what is righteous and good.

People **Christ have mercy.**

Leader We pray for provision and care for all those who lack the basic necessities of food and shelter, for the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and destitute, and for all who are in need.

People **Christ have mercy.**

Leader We pray for all who are in mourning or grief; for those who suffer from sadness or depression; and for those who struggle with anxiety and fear.

People **Christ have mercy.**

Leader We pray for healing for all who suffer from physical pain or distress, for the aged and infirm, and for all who are sick and suffering, especially Celeste, Elaine, Roger, David, Walter, Mae, Cynthia, Lee & Bonnie, Herb & Rhonda, Chris, Joe, Linda, and Pat.

People **Christ have mercy.**

Leader We pray that you would hold in your hands all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom, especially those whom we love. Give us, with all the faithful departed, a share in your victory over evil and death.

People **Christ have mercy.**

A brief silence is kept. The Celebrant then says the concluding Collect:

Celebrant

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Savior Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.

Therefore, in the light of Christ, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant

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.**

COMFORTING SENTENCE AND THE PEACE

Celebrant In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

COMMISSIONING & CHARGE TO NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS

Celebrant Dear brothers and sisters, you have been equipped to serve as Stephen Ministers at Holy Comforter. Let us listen now to the words we find in Scripture.

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.”

Brothers and sisters, each of you has been comforted by God with the Good News of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection for you. We ask you now to join in serving our Lord and those in our congregation and neighborhood who need to be comforted.

- As the Lord Jesus has responded to your needs, we ask you to strive to be responsive to the needs of others.
- As the Lord Jesus took the burdens of the world on his shoulders and has been a friend to you in troubled times, we ask you to be a friend to those who are burdened under the stress of daily life.
- As the Lord Jesus patiently listens when you turn to him, we ask you to be a patient listener in a hurried world.
- As the Lord Jesus has broken down the barriers that separated you from God, we ask you to heal divisions wherever you find them and strive to make people whole.
- As the Spirit of Christ has given you gifts for service, we ask you to use your skills and talents to help those people whom you serve and to pray for them.
- As the Lord Jesus has shown his care to you, we ask you to help this congregation grow as a caring community through your own caring ministry.
- As the Lord Jesus has revealed his presence to you through faith, we ask you to share your personal experiences of faith with those around you so that they too may celebrate the presence of Christ in our world today.

Are you prepared to meet those requests that we ask of you and serve as Stephen Ministers at Holy Comforter?

Candidates Yes, with God’s help.

Celebrant Are you prepared to nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others—to support, encourage, build up, and comfort people in all their needs?

Candidates Yes, with God’s help.

Celebrant Now, we ask you, members of Holy Comforter, to open your hearts to the ministry of these people. We also ask you to accept their ministry when you need help, to allow these individuals to work with you as you face struggles in your life, that you might receive support and help from your Christian brothers and sisters. And, we ask you to pray for them, that they may be effective servants of Christ. Are you prepared to meet this request?

Congregation Yes, with God's help.

(At this time, certificates and pins will be distributed to the newly commissioned)

Celebrant

O God, we ask you to take these, your children - Nancy Daniels, Anita Davis, Bridget Garrett-James, Susan Parmalee, Susan Robinson, Ruth Roaza, John-Mark Schacht, Judy Shipman, Suzy Young, and Frank Fincham - into your care. You have blessed them with particular gifts and talents, and have provided them with an opportunity to learn more about helping people. May they serve you with the power of the Holy Spirit; may they be quick to serve, patient in listening, willing to share themselves with people. Give to us thankful hearts for them, and show them in times of stress and satisfaction a special measure of your mercy and joy. Keep them strong in the faith you have given them for the sake of Jesus, who cares for all of us in every way forever. *Amen.*

OFFERTORY

“Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Music - Instrumental

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B *(Standing)*

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
A - men.

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.

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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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 *(All Sing)*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

People stand or kneel (as able)

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, as our Savior taught us, so we pray:

Our Fa-ther, who art in_ hea-ven,

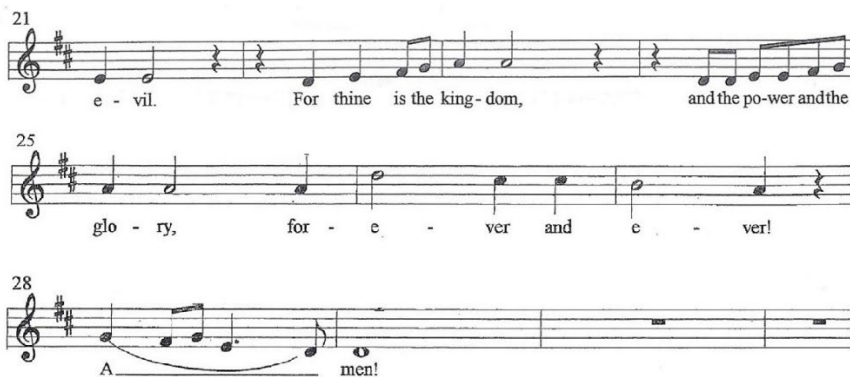
Hal-lo-wed be thy_ name! Thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on

earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-

give us our tres-pas-ses, as we for-give those who tres-pas-sa-against us;

and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-li-ver us from

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

Grant us peace.

Celebrant 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.

People Thanks be to God.

All baptized Christian believers are invited to receive Holy Communion. All others are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. To receive this option, please cross your arms over your chest in front of the priest.



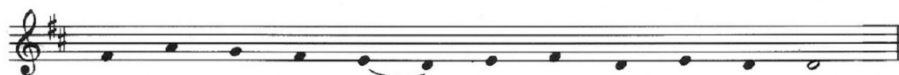
1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
 2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
 3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
 4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,



who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
 faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:



lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,



tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
 what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
 to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
 in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); sts. 1-3, tr. *Hymnal* 1940; st. 4, tr. *Hymnal* 1982
 Music: *Adoro devote*, French church melody, Mode 5, *Processionale*, 1697

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Hymn 691

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with four parts and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im-part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor-row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887)

Music: Olivet, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

(Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.)

THE BLESSING †

Celebrant Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People Amen!

RECESSIONAL

The People Who in Darkness Walked

Hymn 126

1 The peo - ple who in dark-ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;
 3 To us the prom-ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored,
 5 His power in - creas - ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heaven-ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.
 3 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.
 4 the Won - der - ful, the Coun-sel - lor, the might-y God and Lord.
 5 jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.

Words: John Morison (1749-1798), alt.; para. of Isaiah 9:2-7

Music: Dundee, melody *The CL Psalms of David*, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?), alt.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



WE WELCOME ALL to our services today.
 Please contact the church office if we may assist you.
 We would love to hear from you.



Pray for our sick, especially Celeste Rosenau, Elaine Yaege, Roger Messimer, David Livingston, Walter, Mae, Cynthia Jester, Lee McHugh, Bonnie McHugh, Herb & Rhonda Laing, Chris, Joe McCann, Linda Bartol, Pat Desilet, and Marcie.

Pray for all who have died.

Pray for our school; for Peter, Head of School; for Amy, Head of Middle School; for Brenda, Head of Lower School; and for Michelle, Director of Preschool.

Pray for those celebrating birthdays, especially Martha Coxe, Roger Messimer, and Alpha Holmes.

Pray for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Phil & Jeanie Beyer and Jason & Corinne Rubin Johnston.

*Prayers can be requested by contacting the church office with the information.
The policy for Prayers of the People is to list a person for one month .
Please call or email the office if extended prayers are needed.*

Happenings at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church

TODAY

JANUARY 14

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
9 a.m. Centering Prayer
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Commissioning & Charge to
New Stephen Ministers
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar today are sponsored by Herb and Rhonda Laing in thanksgiving for many wonderful years together.

THIS WEEK

Monday, January 15

Office closed for MLK Day

Tuesday, January 16

Morning Prayer, 8:30 am*

Wednesday, January 17

Morning Prayer, 8:30 am*

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 5:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 pm

Thursday, January 18

Morning Prayer, 8:30 am*

The Confession of St. Peter, 12 pm

Chair Yoga, 3:30 pm

Friday, January 19

Saturday, January 20

Food Pantry, 9 am

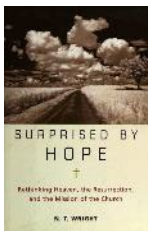
**Morning prayer is held in the sanctuary and broadcast on Facebook live.*

Mark Your Calendars!

- **February 4th**, 9:15 AM – Parish Meeting & Vestry Election
- **February 13th**, 5:30 PM – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- **February 14th**, 5:30 PM – 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:30 PM – Ash Wednesday Services
- **February 16th**, 6:30 PM – Youth Movie Night
- **February 19th** - Office Closed for President's Day
- **February 21st**, 5:30 PM – Holy Eucharist with The Great Litany
- **March 2nd**, 2:00 PM - Movie: The Philadelphia 11
- **March 5th**, 5:30 PM - World Day of Prayer Service
- **March 9th** – Cuba Mission Trip
- **March 22nd**, 5:30-7:00 PM - Lenten Fish Fry Dinner
- **March 24th**, 8:00 & 10:30 AM- Palm Sunday
- **March 28th**, 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service
- **March 29th**, 5:30 PM - Good Friday Service
- **March 29th**, 6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross
- **March 30th**, 12:00 PM - Holy Saturday Service
- **March 30th**, 8:00 PM - The Great Vigil of Easter
- **March 31st**, 7:00 AM - Easter Sunrise Service (this replaces the 8:00 AM service)
- **March 31st**, 10:30 AM - Easter Sunday Service

All are welcome to join us as Fr. Allen leads a study on N.T. Wright's book, "Surprised by Hope," about the nature of life after death and the redemption of all creation. We'll meet every Wednesday (except February 14th) from 4-5 PM for six sessions, starting January 24th and ending March 6th.

Please contact the church office to confirm your participation.



Special Parish Meeting

February 4th at 9:15 am



Please plan to attend our Special Parish Meeting scheduled for February 4th at 9:15 AM (between the Sunday services). We will be discussing important parish business as well as electing new members of the Vestry. All are invited to attend, but only members in good standing will receive a ballot for voting. Your pre-registration is requested here: <https://www.hc-ec.org/special-parish-meeting>

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