



Holy Comforter Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24, 2025 • 10:30 a.m.

Restoring all people to unity with God
and each other in Christ.

We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.
Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.
“BCP” refers to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer.

Put forth, O God, thy Spirit’s Might Hymn 521

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

The Celebrant continues

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.

We Will Glorify Insert

The Collect of the Day (Proper 16)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah

The word of the LORD came to me saying,
"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you,
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,

says the LORD."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant." [Jeremiah 1:4-10]

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

A brief period of silent reflection follows the reading.

Psalm 71:1-6 (Read responsively by whole verse)

- In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
* let me never be ashamed.
- In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *incline your ear to me and save me.
- Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
you are my crag and my stronghold.
- Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
* from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- For you are my hope, O Lord God, *
my confidence since I was young.
- I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.[Hebrews 12:18-29]

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Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old Hymn 567

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People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

[Luke 13:10-17]

Gospeler

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP 388

At the end of each petition

People

Hear our prayer.

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

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

Offertory

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your gift in the offering plates as they are passed in the pews. For instructions on online and text giving, see the back panel of this bulletin.

May the Peoples Praise You

Insert

The Doxology (sung)

People

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

At the Breaking of the Bread, we say

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.**

Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at Holy Comforter. Approach the altar in a double line in the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the bread in your hand. You may sip the wine directly from the common cup or dip the bread in the cup.

If you do not wish to receive the bread or wine for any reason, we encourage you to come forward for a blessing instead. Fold your arms across your chest to indicate to the priest that you prefer this option.

If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to walk to the rail, tell a greeter and a minister will be happy to bring Communion to you at your pew.

Just as I am

Hymn 693

Amazing Grace (my chains are gone)

Insert

Prayer After Communion

BCP 365

The Blessing

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Hymn 493

The Dismissal

BCP 366

The altar flowers today are given by Marci Marx.

Welcome!

At Holy Comforter, we strive to follow and obey Christ as our Savior and Lord. Everyone is welcome in our church. Whatever your background may be, whether you have some faith or no faith, whether you're looking for a church home or just wanting to see what a church is like, we're glad to have you with us.

Your Gift Makes a Difference



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Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm each Sunday. Please see Ms. Hannah or Ms. Caitlin in the Narthex.

Prayers of the Church

Pray for: Celeste, Mae, Cynthia, Herb, Rhonda, Bonnie, Lee, Russell, Marcie, Sterling, Marcie, Jan, Valerie, Suzy, Kayleigh, Elizabeth, Patsy, Pat, Diane, Marguerite, Diane, Dennis, Christine, Josepha, Natalie, Corinne, Skylar, Father Allen.

Pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for Jim.

Pray for those celebrating birthdays, especially Robert and Susan.

Pray for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Paul and Jenna, and Cay.

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