



# ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*All Are Welcome!*

## The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026, 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship Services



*The Last Supper*

## WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S!

It is a joy to have you worship with us today. We believe everyone who worships with us is sent to us by God. So, welcome.

As a reminder:

- Please turn off or silence your electronic devices.;
- We strongly encourage you to enter the sanctuary in silence as you prepare for worship.
- Before worship begins, we encourage you to speak to God. During worship, be ready for God to speak to you.

### WHY ARE YOU HERE?

As you come in and settle into your seat, I invite you to think about the following:

- ❖ Wherever we go, we have a reason for going there. What is your reason for being here today?
- ❖ God is merciful and kind to us each and every day. What thanksgiving do you bring to God today?
- ❖ Because each day brings many challenges, what concern(s) do you bring to God this today?
- ❖ As your Rector, I have come with thanksgiving for God's grace and mercy and to worship Him; because today is a reminder to me that another week has ended and a new week has begun. It is my hope that you have come to do the same. I encourage you to join me as we call upon our God and worship Him.

***Canon Wilmot—a son of God***

**✙ *This symbol represents the point at which we sign ourselves with the sign of the cross during worship.***

*St. Stephen's Episcopal Church*

**The Word of God**

*Please stand.*

Opening Hymn

***Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!***

Hymnal 460

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.  
Alleluia! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?  
Alleluia! bread of Heaven,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

*The People standing, the Celebrant says:*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People      *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

*The Celebrant and People say*

**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.**

*Song of Praise, all standing*

***To God Be the Glory***

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To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!*

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

*Refrain*

## **The Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

**People** *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

## **The Lessons**

May we hear the Word of God through these words.

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:6–14*

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 68:1—10, 33—36**

*To be read responsively by the Lay Reader and Congregation.*

L Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.

**C Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire,  
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

L But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.

**C Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**

L Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!

**C God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into  
freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

L O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,

**C The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

L You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

**C Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God,  
you have made provision for the poor.**

L Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.

**C He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

L Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.

**C How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!**

*Celebrant and People*

**Glory to the † Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

May we hear the Word of God through these words.

*A Reading from the First Letter of Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11*

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.

Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

**People      Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

Gradual Hymn

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

LEVAS 189

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not,  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness,  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Refrain*

*Please remain standing for the Gospel.*

*When the Gospel is being announced, a cross is made,*

✝ (on the forehead) in my mind to understand it,

✝ (on the lips) on my lips to proclaim it, and

✝ (over the heart) in my heart to live it.

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 17:1—11*  
**People      *Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.”

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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

Sermon Hymn

LEVAS 189

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*  
*All I have needed thy hand hath provided,*  
*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

❖ Sermon

*The Rev. Sarah Quinney* ❖

*Please use this time to silently reflect on what the Lord has spoken to you.*

*Please stand.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

**We believe in one God**, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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

*(We bow for the two lines in bold.)*

**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.*

*Please sit or kneel for The Prayers of the People.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

BCP 389

*The Prayer Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Leader*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      ***And also with you.***

*Leader*      Let us pray.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People*      ***Lord, have mercy***

For Sarah, The Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Ruth our Bishop, Bishop-elect Wilmot our Priest, Sarah our Supply Priest, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People*      ***Lord, have mercy***

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People*      ***Lord, have mercy***

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People*      ***Lord, have mercy***

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People*      ***Lord, have mercy***

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People*      ***Lord, have mercy***

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People*      ***Lord, have mercy***

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People      *Lord, have mercy***

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People      *Lord, have mercy***

For this congregation [for those who are present, and for those who are absent], that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People      *Lord, have mercy***

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People      *Lord, have mercy***

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People      *Lord, have mercy***

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People      *Lord, have mercy***

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People      *Lord, have mercy***

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Stephen, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**People      *To you, O Lord our God***

Let us pray for God's people throughout the world, especially the Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church, and The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. Today we are praying for: St. George's Episcopal Church, Summerville, The Rev. Michael Crandall, Rector, The Rev. Marivel Milien, Associate Priest for Family and Spanish Ministries, *and The Anglican Church of Papua, New Guinea.*

Lord, in Your mercy.

**People     Hear our prayer.**

*\*Additional Prayers*

**LET US GIVE THANKS FOR OUR VISITORS.**

**LET US PRAY FOR TRAVELERS THIS WEEK,**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** Sissy Long (5/17), Nina Barnes (5/18), Lesley Clark (5/18), John Scott (5/19), Leon Faso (5/20), Linda Prater (5/20), Maya Caldwell (5/21), Dolores Foggo (5/21).

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:** Becky & Michael Baker (5/20).

**LET US PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY.**

**INTERCESSORY AND THANKSGIVING PRAYER.** As we continue to hold one another up in prayer in this parish, this week we are praying for: **Eloise Perry, Connie Petrone, Marialice Phillips, Brenda Pitkin, Denny & Linda Prater, Mary Puca, Darcy Purcell & Sean, Mike & Babs Raley, Helen Rapp, Sue Reynolds.**

*Celebrant and People*

**Gracious and most loving God, we join them in committing to you whatever concerns they may have, asking you to let your will be done for them. We also join them in giving you thanks, for your many blessings bestowed upon them and their loved ones. We praise you and thank you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and people*

**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 Celebrant 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.

**People Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## The Peace

Jesus said, *Peace I leave with you; my Peace I give to you . . .* John 14:27

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

***At the conclusion of the peace the Celebrant says***

*Celebrant* God is Good!

**People All the Time!**



*Please be seated.*

## The Holy Communion

Offertory

*Every Valley*

J. Ness-Beck

*Please stand.*

*Doxology—to be sung*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**O Praise Him! Alleluia!**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**O Praise Him! O Praise Him!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus Eucharistic Prayer C

*Please remain standing, as you are able.*

*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.***

*Celebrant* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People* ***By your will they were created and have their being.***

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* ***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People* ***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

*The Celebrant continues*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

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*Bow during the underlined text*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please sit, kneel, or remain standing.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People**     *We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People**     *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

**People**     *Amen*

And now, let us sing in thanksgiving the prayer our Savior Christ taught us,

*Celebrant and People*

**Our Father, which 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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever. *Amen.***



**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant and People ~ to be sung*

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**Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.  
Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us;  
There-fore let us keep the feast.  
Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

*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.

*This is the Lord's table, not of the church, but of the Lord.  
It is made ready for those who love Him  
and for those who want to love Him more.  
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;  
You who have been here often and you who have not been here long;  
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed;  
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.  
It is His will that those who want Him should meet Him here.*

*Please join in singing our Communion Hymns.*

### ***They'll Know We Are Christians***

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love*

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land

*Refrain*

We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride

*Refrain*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one

*Refrain*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like seabillows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

*It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And has shed His own blood for my soul.

*Refrain*

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought  
My sin not in part, but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

*Refrain*

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
“Even so” it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

## ***Hear My Prayer***

Taizé

O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer, when I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer, come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song,  
the Lord is my song, all my hope comes from God.  
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my song,  
God, the well-spring of life.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

***People And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

### ***The People join in saying this prayer***

**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.**

### ***The Celebrant gives the blessing***

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and your loved ones far and near and remain with all of you for ever.

***People Amen.***

**Benediction** *To be sung—please stand.*

**God be with you till we meet again;  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you,  
God be with you till we meet again.**



Closing Hymn     ***Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise***     Hymnal 214

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!  
glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!  
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!  
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluia!  
See! he shows the prints of love: Alleluia!  
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!  
blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!

Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!  
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!  
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!  
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!

*The Celebrant dismisses the people.*

*Celebrant* We are called to be one with God and each other in Christ.

*People* ***By living the Gospel with love and compassion.***

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go in peace to love and serve God and one another.

*People* ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

Postlude

***Rise, O Son of Righteousness***

A.D. Miller

**THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED. LET THE SERVICE BEGIN.**

“... what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

God is good! All the time!

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“A large format piece titled *The Last Supper*, which remained half-finished at the time of Michelena’s death. It consists of a bare framework that reveals the intimate work methods of the artist — his finely structured and firm drawing on which he would subsequently and skillfully place his color. Here we can see in a definitive manner the refinement and craft of the artist, the audacity which he would have displayed on canvases that no one will ever be able to see.” [Galería de Arte Nacional—Venezuela](#) by Jacqueline Goldberg.

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**Our Mission**  
is to be one with God and  
humanity in Christ  
by living the Gospel  
with love and compassion.



**Our Vision**  
is to become comfortable  
with Jesus Christ  
and boldly proclaim Him.

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Celebrant: The Rev. Sarah Quinney  
Dir of Music: Roberta Rowland-Raybold, c.a.g.o.  
Verger: Robert Dunn

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The Right Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, Bishop, The Diocese of SC  
The Very Rev. Canon Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant, II, Rector

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