



# THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**OCTOBER 2, 2022**

**10:00AM**

## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal #400

*All creatures of our God and King*



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
\*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -  
\*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to  
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our  
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your  
\*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal  
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing  
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -  
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and  
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that  
6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back  
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,  
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:  
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:  
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:  
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

#### *Refrain*



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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

## THE GLORIA

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 on us;  
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the

Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of

God the Fa-ther. A-men.

**THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

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

**Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

# THE LESSONS

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?  
Or cry to you “Violence!”  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.  
The wicked surround the righteous—  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me and said:  
Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks Be to God.**

## PSALM 37:1-10

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**

Put your trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

**Take delight in the LORD,  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.**

Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him,  
and he will bring it to pass.

**He will make your righteousness as clear as the light  
and your just dealing as the noonday.**

Be still before the LORD  
and wait patiently for him.

**Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

**For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.**

## THE EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere

faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks Be to God.**

# GRADUAL HYMN

Hymnal #517

## *How lovely is your dwelling place*

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to  
2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a  
3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with  
4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -

mel My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -  
nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and  
springs, and they shall climb from height to height till  
way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and  
praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose  
Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in  
from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.  
hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.  
glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.  
bless all those who live the words they pray.



## **THE GOSPEL READING**

Luke 17:5-10

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

The Rev. Gregory Perez

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**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 Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Alan and Gayle, and our Bishops; and all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Today we lift up those on our prayer list: Eldorna Blackman, Penny Perdue, Jimmy Raynes, Sharon Mazurek, Paul Lenzie, Doug Wenger, Savannah Solivan, Bob Tucker, The McCloud Family, Will Switzer, Ann Woodfork, Michelle Smith, Daphne Dawkins, Bill H, Robert Brown, Leon Breckenridge, James Kimble, Daniel Breckenridge, Lamurel and Roland Johnson.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

For those in our parish who are homebound: Debbie Pascucci, Dan Gately, Robert Hunt, Marion Clark, Catherine Lule, Mary Thomas, and Joyce Piwonski.

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, especially Marian Feinberg, that she and others may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

## **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

**God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all creation. Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

*The Priest, 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. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

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

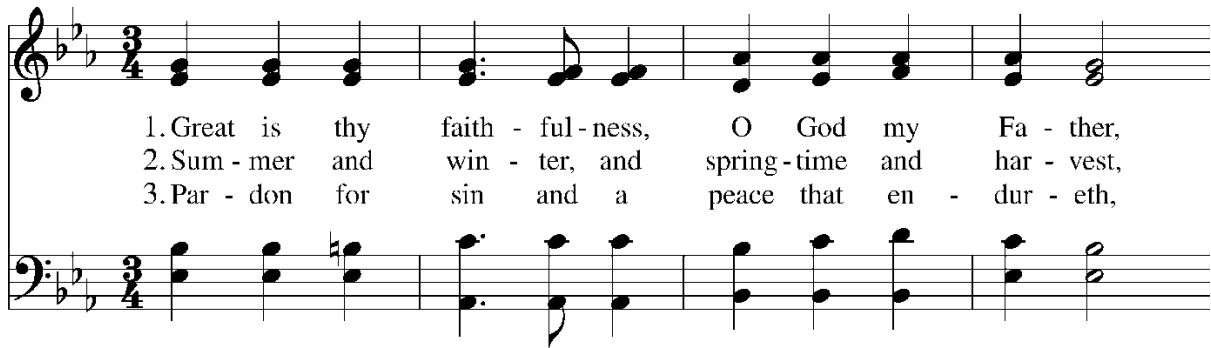
## THE OFFERTORY

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

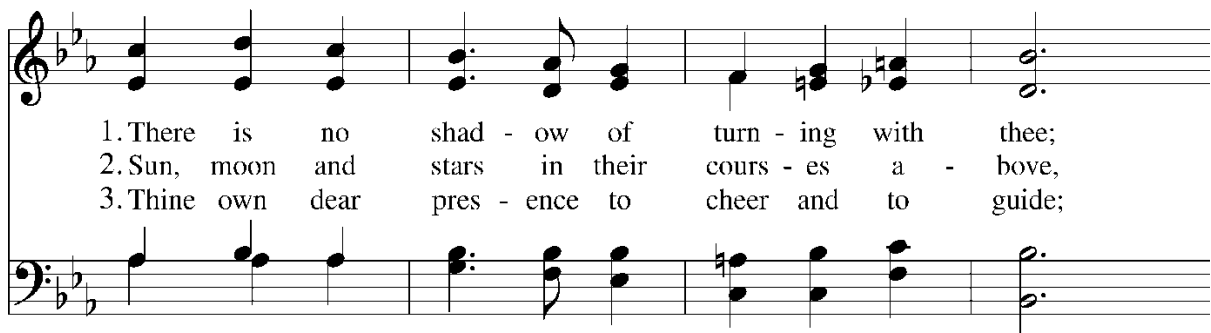
## THE OFFERTORY HYMN

LEVAS #189

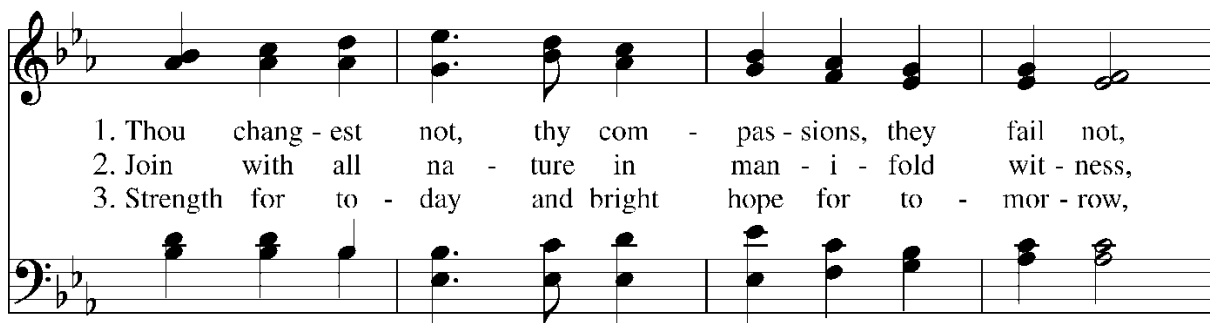
*Great is thy faithfulness*



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,  
2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,  
3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

*All who are celebrating birthdays are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

**O God, our times are in your hands: Look with Favor, we pray, on your children as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and daily strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## DOXOLOGY

**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.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them up 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 everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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

LEVAS #256

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

(piano) Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

The musical score is written for a piano introduction. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 6/8. The melody begins with a piano dynamic marking. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of' are written below the treble staff, with the first line of the score corresponding to the first line of the lyrics.

*Leader*  
(piano) Ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow'r\_ and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_

Holy and gracious God: 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 Creator 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:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.  
**AMEN.**

And now, 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**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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 welcome to this table.



## COMMUNION MUSIC

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us together pray

**Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of mother earth. In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace and you call us to friendship with one another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation. May we who have tasted that gift from you, offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another. And may you always walk among us as friend. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

Go forth now to care for God's world. Use resources wisely. Share your knowledge. Sacrifice where necessary. Live in harmony with all creation. Go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living and preach the good news to all. And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always. **Amen.**

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal #11

*Awake, my soul, and with the sun*

1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy  
2 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new; dis -  
3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all  
\*4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and  
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of  
I de - sign, or do, or say; that all my powers, with  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice:  
thought and will, and with thy - self my spi - rit fill.  
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Our worship has ended; our service begins.

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

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# CALENDAR FOR ST. STEPHEN'S

## **Sunday, October 2, 2022**

8:00am - Holy Eucharist without Music  
10:00am - Holy Eucharist with Music  
11:15am - Coffee Hour  
4:00pm - Deanery Service

## **Monday, October 3, 2022**

Parish Office Closed

## **Tuesday, October 4, 2022**

8:30am - Parish Office Open  
11:00am - Music Ministry Meeting  
7:00pm - NA Group

## **Wednesday, October 5, 2022**

8:30am - Parish Office Open  
6:30pm - Bible Study

## **Thursday, October 6, 2022**

8:30am - Parish Office Open

## **Friday, October 7, 2022**

8:30am - Parish Office Open

## **Saturday, October 8, 2022**

7:30am - Vendor Setup for Bazaar  
9:00am - Bazaar and Bake Sale  
10:00am - Choir Practice

## **Sunday, October 9, 2022**

8:00am - Holy Eucharist without Music  
10:00am - Holy Eucharist with Music  
11:15am - Coffee Hour  
11:45am - Warden's Meeting  
12:30pm - Women's Group

# SAVE THE DATE!

**October 2** - Northshore Deanery Season of Creation Service, 4:00pm

**October 8** - Church Bazaar and Bake Sale, 9:00am - 1:00pm

**November 6** - All Saints' Sunday

**November 27** - First Sunday of Advent



## BISHOP GAYLE E. HARRIS ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

After nearly 20 years of service in the Diocese of Massachusetts, Bishop Suffragan Gayle E. Harris has announced her upcoming retirement. She plans to complete her work in the diocese as of Dec. 31 of this year and then take sabbatical time ahead of her official retirement date of March 31, 2023.

Harris was elected bishop suffragan by the Diocese of Massachusetts in June 2002 and was ordained and consecrated in January 2003. She reaches the church's mandatory retirement age of 72 in 2023.

"One of my most dearest friends, whenever he is asked how he is doing, replies, 'I am richly blessed!' I have indeed been richly blessed and honored to serve God with you for these past 20 years as bishop suffragan. Amidst times of joy and sorrow, we have together found opportunities to incarnate the Gospel of love and justice and our diocesan mission strategy. And I give thanks to God for the partnership in ministry, support and encouragement I received from Bishop Alan Gates over the past eight years. It is now time for me to transition to retirement from my position," Harris said.

At her request, in lieu of a diocesanwide gathering to celebrate her ministry, leave-taking events will be scheduled with groups with which she has worked closely. There will also be a time of recognition during Diocesan Convention proceedings on Oct. 29.

"Bishop Harris has served faithfully and tirelessly, with continually widening circles of responsibility throughout her tenure. Her contribution to the leadership of our diocese will be deeply missed. I invite all who have been blessed in some way through her presence and ministry, in our diocesan community and the wider church, to join me in offering prayers of thanksgiving for her years of service," Massachusetts Bishop Diocesan Alan M. Gates said.

Gates will not be calling for the election of a successor bishop suffragan, opting instead to appoint an assistant bishop.

In The Episcopal Church, an assistant bishop is appointed from among those who are already bishops and who meet eligibility requirements outlined in church canons. An assistant bishop serves under the direction of the bishop diocesan for an agreed-upon and renewable term, providing assigned episcopal services and support within the bishop diocesan's jurisdiction. (This is different from a bishop suffragan, who is elected as such by a diocese and then serves there in an assisting role and whose tenure is not determined by the bishop diocesan.)

Following the process required by the canons of The Episcopal Church, the diocesan Standing Committee has given its consent for Gates to ask the Diocesan Convention to approve the creation of the assistant bishop position and authorize him to make the appointment. Diocesan Convention meets Oct. 28-29 in Danvers.

### **Q&A Regarding Episcopal Leadership in the Diocese of Massachusetts**

*When will Bishop Gayle Harris complete her tenure as bishop suffragan?*

Bishop Harris will formally conclude her tenure as bishop suffragan on March 31, 2023, following 20 years of service in that role. In recognition of that lengthy tenure, she has been granted a terminal sabbatical for the months of January through March, thus concluding her active duties at the end of December 2022.

*What are the options for a second bishop going forward?*

In a diocese which is large and complex enough to require additional episcopal leadership to assist the bishop diocesan, several options exist.

A bishop suffragan may be chosen by the diocese through the full process of nomination and election of a new bishop. The bishop suffragan holds a tenured position not linked to the term of the bishop diocesan.

An assistant bishop may be appointed by the bishop diocesan, with the consent of the Standing Committee and following action of the Diocesan Convention to create such a position and authorize the bishop diocesan to make an appointment. (Episcopal Church Canon III.12.5) An assistant bishop is one who has been previously elected and consecrated as a bishop elsewhere in the church. An assistant bishop typically serves full time, with the same scope of duties as a bishop suffragan, but with a tenure linked to that of the bishop diocesan.

An assisting bishop is one who is engaged by the bishop diocesan to serve in a limited capacity, with roles narrower in scope than a bishop suffragan or assistant bishop, most typically exercising part-time liturgical or pastoral duties.

*What is the plan for a second bishop in the Diocese of Massachusetts?*

Bishop Gates is not calling for the election of a bishop suffragan. Having received the canonically required consent of the diocesan Standing Committee, Bishop Gates will ask the Diocesan Convention to approve creation of an assistant bishop position and authorize him to make an appointment. Diocesan Convention meets Oct. 28-29 in Danvers. If the Diocesan Convention authorizes the position, Bishop Gates will consult with the Standing Committee and other key leaders in hopes of being able to make an appointment which could take effect early in the new year.

*What would an assistant bishop do in our diocese?*

It is anticipated that an assistant bishop would engage in the full range of episcopal leadership typical of our past bishops suffragan. It also is anticipated that the assistant bishop will have responsibilities similar to the portfolio Bishop Harris has had in recent years.

# BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study resumes on Sept 21 at 6:30pm via ZOOM. **We will be discussing women of the Bible, rather than the Book of Revelation.** All are welcome to participate.

The ZOOM link is below.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85968990375>

## Bible Study Schedule

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30

Dec. 7, 14, 21

# CHURCH BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE

Saturday October 8, 9:00am - 1:00pm in the Dining Room and Parking Lot  
Please help with our Church Bazaar!

## Yard Sale

- Drop off saleable items in good condition during church office hours by Friday 10/7.

## Bake Sale

- Can you bake something delicious?
- Drop off wrapped items Friday 10/7 or Saturday morning 10/8.

## Raffles

- Can you make up an interesting basket that we could raffle?
- Tell us what you have so that we can make a sign. Call Bill or Jim.
- Drop off at the church office on Friday.

## Crafts

- Do you have crafts to sell? Call the office to reserve space for a table.

## Vendors

- Do you know someone who would like to sell something? Have them call the office to reserve space for their table. They can set up outside in the parking lot if they have a tent or many tables.

## Volunteers Needed

- greeter in parking lot
- help vendors get set up
- set up - starts at 7:30
- sell bake sale items
- sell raffle tickets

- yard sale check out
- bagging
- shopper assistance
- tidy up display tables
- clean up
- packing unsold items
- write thank you notes for gift card donations

**Help us Get the Word Out**

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**Contact**

- General questions: Bill Mulcahy or Jim Moser, (781) 596-2241, [jim100flower@hotmail.com](mailto:jim100flower@hotmail.com)
- Reserve space for a table: church office (781) 599-4220
- Volunteer: church office (781) 599-4220

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE**

- bagging
- shopper assistance
- sell raffle tickets
- sell and serve baked goods
- set up
- arrange items for display
- clean up
- pack unsold merchandise

Please contact the Parish Office if you can volunteer for any of these tasks.



# **October 2, 2022 10:00am Worship Leaders**

1st Reading and Psalm	Ruthanne Switzer
2nd Reading	Steve Switzer
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Dixon, Pam Alleyne
Altar Guild	Pam Alleyne
Usher	Tina Robillard
ZOOM Host	Chris Trahan
Preacher	The Rev. Gregory Perez
Celebrant	The Rev. Gregory Perez
Organist	Bruce Beecroft

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