

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT HOLY CROSS DAY



CHRISTCHURCH
ANGLICAN
14 SEPTEMBER 2025

The icon on the cover represents the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. At the center, Saint Macarius of Jerusalem, vested as a bishop, lifts high the True Cross, symbolizing Christ's triumph over death and the Cross as the instrument of salvation. The act of elevation recalls the moment when the True Cross, was revealed to the faithful in Jerusalem. The clergy and laypeople stand in reverence, representing the whole Church. The stylized buildings in the background symbolize the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built over the sites of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. The bright, luminous colors—gold, red, and blue—express divine glory, sacrifice, and the heavenly realm.



Prelude

Lento Espressivo
Dr. Robert Scott, flautist

Massenet

Please maintain silence before worship for prayer. Kindly silence all electronic devices.

..... The Entrance Rite

Processional Hymn 474 *Please stand*

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young

2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and

4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I

cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that

love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and

of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.

charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.

sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?

so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)

The Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People

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 Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

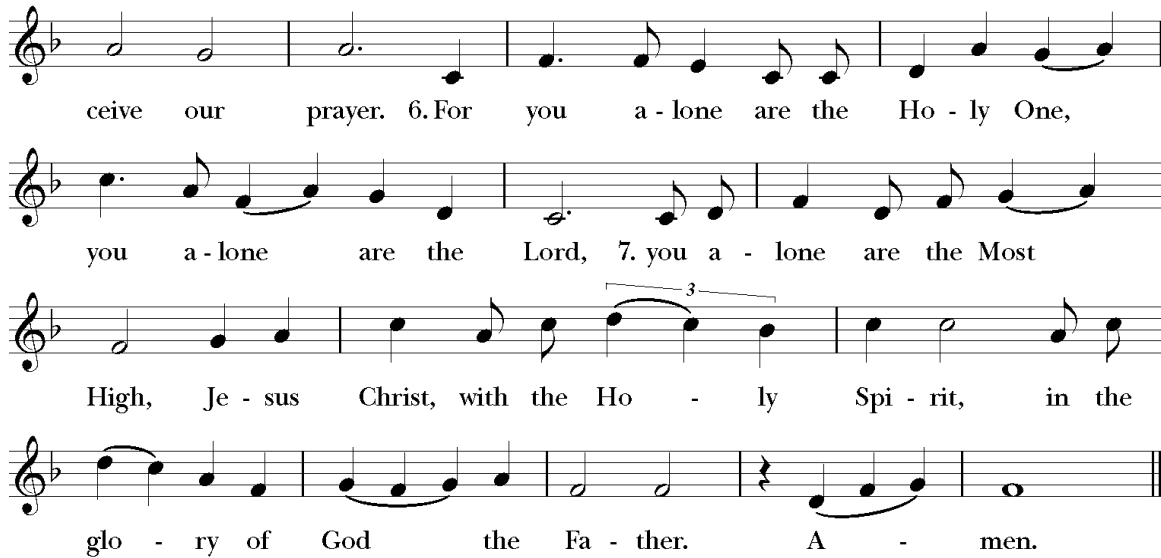
Matthew 22:37-40

The Trisagion

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Song of Praise

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 -



The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the Cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

..... The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson *Please be seated*

Isaiah 45:21-25

²¹ Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me. ²² "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. ²³ By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.' ²⁴ "Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him. ²⁵ In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory."

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

- ¹ O sing unto the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
- ² With his own right hand and with his holy arm,
he has won for himself the victory.
- ³ The LORD declared his salvation;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

- ⁴ He has remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
- ⁵ Show yourselves joyful in the LORD, all you lands;
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
- ⁶ Praise the LORD with the harp;
sing with the harp a psalm of thanksgiving.
- ⁷ With trumpets also and horns,
O show yourselves joyful before the LORD, the King.
- ⁸ Let the sea make a noise, and all that is in it,
the round world, and those who dwell therein.
- ⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the LORD,
for he has come to judge the earth.
- ¹⁰ With righteousness shall he judge the world,
and the peoples with equity.

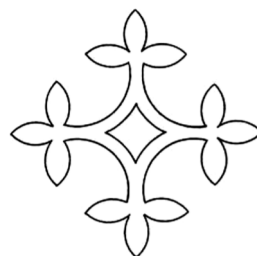
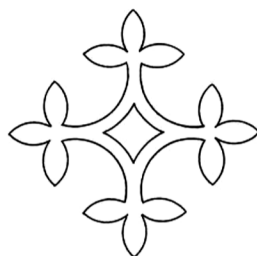
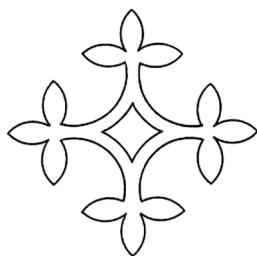
The Second Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find,
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream
 4 Oft as earth ex - ult - ing wafts its praise on high,
 5 Lift ye then your voic - es; swell the might - y flood;

1 poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins!
 2 blest be his com - pas - sion in - fi - nite - ly kind!
 3 which from sin and sor - row doth the world re - deem!
 4 an - gel hosts, re - joic - ing, make their glad re - ply.
 5 loud - er still and loud - er praise the pre - cious blood.

Words: Italian, 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswell (1814-1878), alt. Music: *Wem in Leidenstagen*, Friedrich Filitz (1804-1860)

The Gospel *Please remain standing*

John 12:31-36a

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

³¹ Jesus said, "Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴ So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵ So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.

^{36a} While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *Please be seated*

The Reverend Cornelius Jackson

The Nicene Creed *Please stand*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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,
 was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 *Please kneel*

After each prayer, the People respond with the words "Hear our prayer."

The Confession of Sin

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 Absolution and Comfortable Words

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace *Please stand*

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

The ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Parish Announcements *Please be seated*

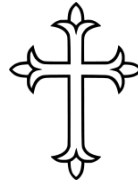


..... The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

Rejoice, Give Thanks

Handel



*If you'd like to give an offering this morning, you can place your gift in the offering plate,
scan the QR code to the right, or visit our website and click on the "Give" tab.*



Presentation Hymn 511 *Please stand*

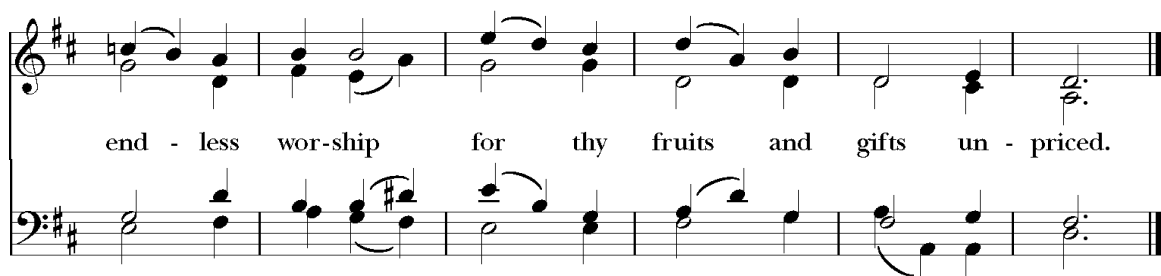
Holy Spirit, Ever Living

Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's

ve - ry life; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing

through her in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er

form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with



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The Great Thanksgiving - Renewed Ancient Text

Please remain standing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

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.**

Celebrant

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the Cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and by his suffering and death he became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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:

The Sanctus

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.

The Prayer of Consecration *Please kneel*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen;

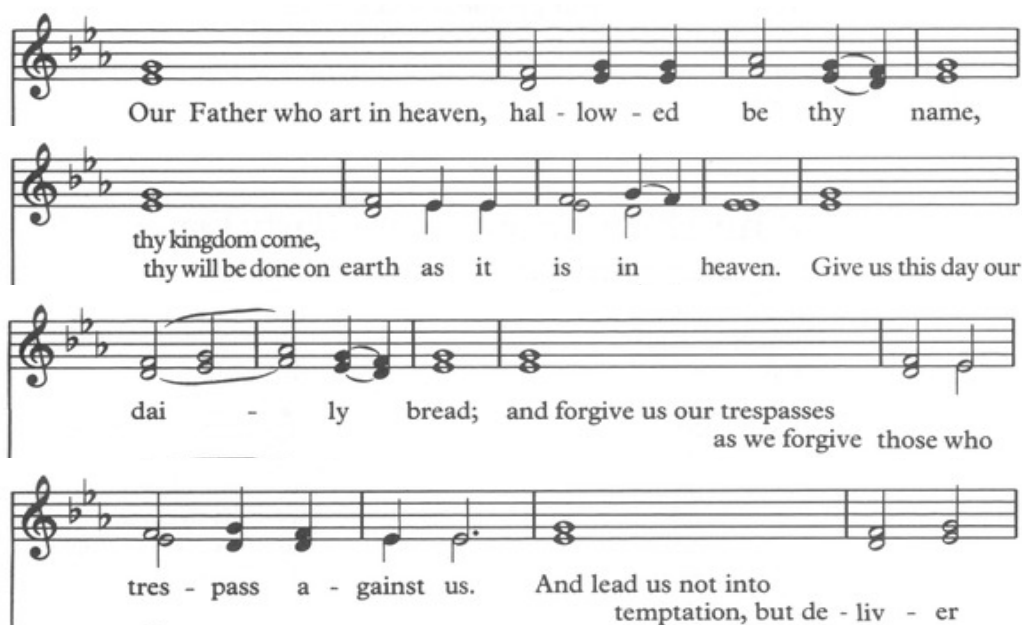
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:



Our Father who art in heaven, hal - low - ed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not into
temptation, but de - liv - er

us from e - vil, for thine is the king -
dom, and the power
and the glory for - ev - er. A - men.

WORDS: Matthew 6:9-13
MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1824

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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!

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated

Fraction Anthem

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887) Music: Olivet, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Communion Music

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus

*O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God*

Communion Music

Every day in Your hands
You were there before time began
Sovereign one I rest in Your plan
From the depths to the dawn
You are there Your promise is strong
I will trust with all that I am

Chorus

*Jesus, Jesus oh how I need You
You stay the same
You are good in Your ways
Jesus, Jesus oh how I need You
You are enough
All my trust is in You Lord*

Communion Music

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore every heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

Chorus

*It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only.*

Bridge

*And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord*

Reckless Love

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

Bridge

*There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me*

How I Need You

You fashioned me formed my heart
Search my soul and know every thought
Love so great but never too far
And through the storm You're the calm
And every war You've already won
Life secure in Your loving arms

Great Are You Lord

Communion Music

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou, my great Father, and I, Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

High King of heaven, when victory is won
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Post Communion Prayer *Please kneel*

Celebrant and People

Heavenly Father, 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 Blessing



Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con-que-ri-er ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

The Dismissal

Gospeler God is good,

People **All the time!**

Gospeler All the time,

People **God is good!**

Gospeler Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Cross in Christ.

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Allegro in G Major

Buxtehude

The Altar Flowers are given to the Honor and
Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

Ross Snyder Brown

Serving in the Liturgy

Celebrant	The Reverend Canon Andrew M. Rowell
Gospeler	The Reverend Deacon Leah M. Slawson
Assisting	The Reverend Cornelius Jackson
Music Director and Organist	Margaret Cauthen
Vergers	Mose Stuart and Maggie Springer
Lectors and Chalice Bearers	Leigh Parker, Christy Holding, and Mark Wilkerson
Crucifer	Ava Crane
Server	Jack Crane
Gospel Torch Bearers	Zoe Garrison and Kadence Clark
Altar Guild	Ann Newell, Gina Simmons, and Tricia Seay
Greeters	Laurie Jackson and Mark Jackson
Prayer Team	Pamela Swan, Hope Mardre, Dee Mooty, Christy Holding, and the Daughters of the Holy Cross
Ushers	Michael Stewart, Trey Starke, Tom Saunders, Bill Palmer, and Billy McLemore



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Christian Education: 11 am Sundays, 6 pm on Wednesdays, and opportunities throughout the week

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