



**HOLY SPIRIT**

*Episcopal Church*

Where **ALL** are welcome.

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

March 30, 2025

10:30am

The Rt. Reverend Russell Kendrick, Bishop  
The Reverend William M. Lowry III, Rector  
The Reverend Doctor Steve Campbell, Worship Leader

# An Order for the Administration of Communion Under Special Circumstances

*This service may be celebrated at a service on Sunday morning or on other occasions with the Bishop's permission. It is intended primarily for rural congregations where no priest is available and not for congregations where there are priests available in nearby towns. This adapted use of Communion Under Special Circumstances is authorized for use beginning July 1, 2021.*

*The Presider for this liturgy shall be a diocesan licensed Lay Worship Leader or Deacon and is denoted throughout this worship with the title 'Leader'.*

*The consecrated elements are reverently placed on the altar before the congregation arrives. The elements shall be placed in a chalice and paten unveiled and without a burse. No other vessels or missal shall be placed on the altar.*

*The Leader begins the service with the following directions,*

Dear friends in Christ, we have come together in the presence of God to offer praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive the Word of God, to bring before God the needs of the world and to ask for the forgiveness of our sins. Today the bread and wine for our Communion were consecrated for us prior to our services. For centuries, the church has reserved consecrated elements in order to include those unable, because of infirmity or distance, to be present at Eucharist, and also to include worshiping communities on occasions when no priest is available to preside.

## ENTRANCE HYMN

### *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Hymnal 690

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious  
bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*The people standing, the Leader says*

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*All* 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Leader says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Leader* Let us pray.

*The congregation prays the collect of the day in unison*

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# The Readings

*The people sit.*

## THE FIRST LESSON: Joshua 5:9-12

A Reading from the book of Joshua.

The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: Psalm 32

Please read with me the Psalm responsively by half verse. (Responses in bold.)

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*

**and whose sin is put away!**

<sup>2</sup>Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \*

**and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*

**because of my groaning all day long.**

<sup>4</sup>For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*

**my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*

**and did not conceal my guilt.**

<sup>6</sup>I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” \*

**Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

<sup>7</sup>Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*

**when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

<sup>8</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \*

**you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

<sup>9</sup>“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*

**I will guide you with my eye.**

<sup>10</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*

**who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you.”**

<sup>11</sup>Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*

**but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

<sup>12</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \*

**shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

## THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader           The Word of the Lord.

People            Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL HYMN

### *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

Hymnal 343

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
word of grace, in strength of which we  
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with  
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness,                      with wa - ter        from        the        rock.  
 trav - el        on                      to        our        a -        bid -        ing -        place.  
 us,        and        spread                      thy        ta -        ble                      in        our        heart.  
 heaven - ly        wine,                      be        our        im -        mor -        tal        food.

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

A Reading from The Gospel according to Luke.

*Because this is not a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the congregation shall remain seated during the reading of the Gospel*

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he

has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## **THE HOMILY**

The Reverend Dr. Steve Campbell

*A licensed lay preacher may comment upon the lessons or the occasion. Alternatively, the congregation may be invited to share their reactions to the text.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

*All stand as able.*

*Leader*    As able, let us stand and affirm our faith in the words of 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**

*All remain standing as able.*

*Leader: Compassionate and ever-loving God, you are always more ready to forgive than we are to confess, and you yearn to celebrate our return to your joyful presence: Receive with gladness the prayers of your people as we come to you in confident hope, saying: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away.*

Litanist: Gracious One, everything has become new in Christ, and you have entrusted to your Church the ministry of reconciliation: Endue with the power of your forgiving love all who serve in Christ's Name, that we may share in your work of reunion and celebration. We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; Will, our Rector; and all other clergy and ministers of your church.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,

**and whose sin is put away.**

Eternal One, in Christ you have proclaimed God's Reign among us and showed loving compassion as the true path of leadership: Be with our nation and all in authority, that we may work in harmony with you to create a world of welcome,



feasting and reconciliation. We pray especially for Donald, our President; Kay, our Governor; Robert, our Mayor and Tony, Mayor of Orange Beach.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,

**and whose sin is put away.**

Compassionate One, you welcome sinners and feast with them; you restore the prodigal and embrace the elder: Find all who are lost and return them home; protect those who work in dangerous, dirty or disrespected jobs; give security and joy to all who labor and yet are poor and hungry; and expand the hearts of those who are dutiful and proud, that the whole human race may celebrate together with music and dancing. We pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and Russia, in Israel and Palestine and all victims of violence. Bring your peace to our world. We pray for all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces, both at home and abroad, especially our parishioner Chris.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,

**and whose sin is put away.**

Gracious One, unite all of us in this community and bind our divisions with your compassionate love, that we may welcome all as sisters and brothers to feast on the goodness of our inheritance.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,

**and whose sin is put away.**

We pray for those who are in need; may your new creation bring them hope, especially our parishioners Cal, Carol, Mike, Norma, Betty, Al, Norma, Kimberly, Wiley, Jane, Jackie, Ava, Dawn, Pam, Daphne, Anne, Sonya, Sara, Evie, Joy, Doris and all on our prayer list.

We embrace gratefully the abundance of your gifts to us.

We entrust to your compassionate affection all who have died.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,

**and whose sin is put away.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers, the Leader adds a concluding Collect:*

*Protect us from presumption and judgment, O God, and lead us into the joyful celebration of your new creation on earth, that we may share in the generous banquet of your victory and enjoy the reconciliation of all people within your forgiving compassion by the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

**Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Leader says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader 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 Leader says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*All stand as able.*

*Leader*           The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*           And also with you.

*The people greet each other with signs and words of peace. An offering may be collected for the work of the church at this service, but it shall be placed on the empty altar without ceremony. Minimal preparation is to be made at this time from behind the altar.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ANTHEM DURING THE COLLECTION

*Some things never change*

*by H. Sorenson  
Haley Sims, Cellist*

*All stand as able. The leader stands in an appointed place near the altar but that is not behind the altar and says:*

Sisters and brothers, yesterday/this morning, the bread and wine were consecrated for our use at this service and have been reverently kept that we may share in communion with God and the whole Body of Christ in every place and every time to share the foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet.

*Leader* Sisters and brothers, the cup of blessing that was blessed

*People* is the communion of the Blood of Christ.

*Leader* For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body

*People* and all made to drink of one Spirit.

*Leader* The Bread that was broken

*People* is the Communion of the Body of Christ.

*Leader* Because there is One Bread

*People* we who are many are one body, for we all share in the One Bread.

*All:* Almighty Father, whose dear Son on the night before He suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood; Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, Who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*The Leader says*

So, with all who are gathered together today, everywhere throughout the world, and with the great procession of your Saints, we pray to you as our Savior has taught us:

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, forever and ever. Amen.

*The Leader says*

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God 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 for a long time or ever before, You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you; It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here. The gifts of God for the People of God.

**ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION**

*Communion is then administered to all who choose to receive. If someone present comes forward but does not wish to receive, it is appropriate to say a brief prayer of intercession for that person, but not to pronounce a blessing. It is appropriate to offer anointing for healing and prayers for intercession before or during the administration of Communion.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

LEVAS 101

1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,  
2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,  
3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing,  
4. Oh! For the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised,

1. Call - ing for you and for me;— See, on the por - tals He's  
2. Plead - ing for you and for me?— Why should we lin - ger and  
3. Pass - ing for you and for me;— Shad - ows are gath - er - ing,  
4. Prom - ised for you and for me;— Though we have sinned, He has

1. wait - ing and watch - ing, Watch - ing for you and for me.\_\_\_\_  
2. heed not His mer - cies, Mer - cies for you and for me?\_\_\_\_  
3. death beds are com - ing, Com - ing for you and for me.\_\_\_\_  
4. mer - cy and par - don, Par - don for you and for me.\_\_\_\_

Come home, Come home, come home, come home,  
 Ye who are wea-ry, come home! Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,  
 Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*All stand as able.*

*Leader* Let us pray.

*All*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you  
 with gladness and singleness of heart;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Come, thou fount of every blessing*

Hymnal 686

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a

ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

**DISMISSAL**

*Leader*

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

## WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**All who seek to know God in a deeper and more meaningful way are welcome to receive Communion.** If you do not wish to receive the Sacraments, just cross your arms and a blessing will be given instead. Gluten free communion wafers are available. Please ask the priest as communion is distributed.

**NURSERY:** We provide a nursery for your convenience for infants and children up to 4 years old. We invite you to bring your child back from the nursery for communion, preferably during the Peace and Announcements.

**Those for whom we pray: Cal & Carol Hanson, Mike & Norma Minchew,** Katherine Stribling (Jan Waggoner), Marilyn Lewis (Lillian Bemis), Carrietta Nelson (Lillian Bemis), **Al Vondrasek, Norma Black-Glossop,** Kathi Dolder (Sue Wiggins), Judi Kuntz (Ann Lofaro), **Kimberly Worthy,** Deloma Bigham (Rhonda Barber), **Wiley Ashley,** Laura Hermezc (Lillian Bemis), **Jane Taylor,** Jayne Sharp (Lillian Bemis), Abe & Dianne Kattawar (Rose Johnson), Lisa Kanuth (Kimberly Worthy), Mikki Stanley (Kimberly Worthy), Nancy Jones (Marilyn & Bobby Quinn), Terry Kilpatrick (Lillian Bemis), **Jackie Jabour, Ava Trivett,** Debbie, Dave, Eloise & Gigi Welch (Margaret Divito), Mary Ruth Burnes (Lillian Bemis), Valerie Wilk (Lillian Bemis), **Dawn Johnson, Pam Webster, Daphne Grimsley,** Seeley Lewis (Marilyn Quinn), **Anne Meydrech,** Matthew Gilbertson (Sam Nelson), **Sonya Urquhart,** Kimberly Brand (Jan Waggoner), Justin Requena (Carolyn Towery), **Sara Walker,** Helen Lauderdale & family (Witt Lauderdale), **Evie Loftin,** Joyce Marie Borck (Norma Black-Glossop), Melissa Mackey (Lillian Bemis), **Joy Howell, Doris Kimmerlin,** Sherry Jo Johnson (Rose Johnson), Gary Williams (Nancy & Steve Campbell)

**For all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces:** Phil Gurney (USN), Blake Buskens (USA), Charlie Conner (USA), **Chris Miller (GSPD),** Joseph Callaway (USN), Savannah Kichler Isenburg (USAF), Jacob Wetzler (USN), Luc Lau (USM), Jack Taylor (USN), Snap Nelson (USMCR), Callaway Williamson (USN), Zachary Russell (USAF), Cailan Ross Ashley (USCG), Joshua Cooper (USA), Margaret Lloyd (USN)

**In Thanksgiving for Birthdays in March:** Shauna Howell (1<sup>st</sup>), Janet Rumbley (2<sup>nd</sup>), Ashley Hendren (7<sup>th</sup>), Spencer Pierce (12<sup>th</sup>), Dave Lamberson (16<sup>th</sup>), Nancy Lamberson (18<sup>th</sup>), Jan Waggoner (20<sup>th</sup>), Dave Liebenow (25<sup>th</sup>), Vic DeFiori (31<sup>st</sup>)

**In Thanksgiving for Anniversaries in March:** Alysha & Chris Miller (10<sup>th</sup>), Shauna & James Howell (13<sup>th</sup>), Marge & William Ludwig (21<sup>st</sup>), Ashley & Jason Hendren (28<sup>th</sup>)

## Servers

**Acolyte/Chalice Bearer-8am**-Dan Ratliff      **10:30am**-Dave Liebenow

**Lectors-8am**-Rhonda Barber & Dec McClelland

**10:30am**-Jeanie Blake & Fr. Bill Ericson

**Ushers-8am**- Rhonda & Joe Barber

**10:30am**-Brenda Johnson

**Altar Guild**- Judy Allen, Joy Branch, Nancy Campbell, June Hayles,  
Fr Bill Ericson, Leah Reader

**Flower Guild**-Rose Johnson & Sandra Garth Pancerz

**Beadle**- Millie Ericson

## Vestry

Dave Liebenow ('26), Sr. Warden

Joe Barber ('26)

Sam Nelson ('25), Jr. Warden

Margaret DiVito ('27)

Nancy Campbell ('25), Clerk

Millie Ericson ('27)

John Stomps ('25)

Dan Ratliff ('27)

David Adams ('26)

## Staff

The Rev. Will Lowry-Rector

The Rev. Dr. Steve Campbell, Assisting Worship Leader

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