



HOLY COMFORTER
Episcopal Church

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 27

November 10, 2024

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME!

The people of Holy Comforter joyfully welcome you to this historic church. We are happy that you are here, and we hope you will find your worship today meaningful and inspiring. If you are looking for a church to call your own, we hope you will consider our parish. At the root of all we do is our desire to live out the Great Commandment of Jesus Christ: to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Holy Comforter has made a difference in our lives, and we believe it can do the same for you.

In peace,
The Rev. Greg Brown
Rector

“BCP” refers to the Book of Common Prayer, found in the pew rack in front of you.

VOLUNTARY (*at 10:00*)

Prelude in G Major (Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847)

WELCOME

THE WORD OF GOD

ENTRANCE PROCESSION (*sung at 10:00*)

#705 *As those of old their first fruits brought*

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT

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

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

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 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Lector A reading from the book of Ruth .

Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.”

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 127

8:00: read responsively

10:00: sung by the choir (Anglican chant by Thomas Attwood, 1765-1838)

Lector Unless the Lord builds the house, *
their labor is in vain who build it.

People **Unless the Lord watches over the city, *
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.**

It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; *
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

**Children are a heritage from the Lord, *
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.**

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children of one's youth.

**Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! *
he shall not be put to shame
when he contends with his enemies in the gate.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 9:24-28

Lector A reading from the book of Hebrews.

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL PROCESSION (*sung at 10:00*)

#593 *Lord, make us servants of your peace*

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon *Let us pray.*

Intercessor Creator God, by the mercies of your son, our Lord, Jesus, compel us to turn our hearts to his Way of Love. That we might follow Jesus together as your faithful people, we pause, listen, and respond in prayer, saying:

People **Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Intercessor Jesus, your life, death, resurrection, and ascension inspire the church to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship. Guide your people to learn your Word, that we might see God's story unfolding in our midst. We pray together,

People **Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Intercessor Son of God, you responded to your Father in prayer and pleaded that we might all be one. Guide the leaders and faithful citizens of this nation to respond to God and to one another in compassion — in thought and deed, with or without words — that the people of the United States might live in unity and peace. We pray together,

People **Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Deacon *We pray in thanksgiving for the joys and gifts of life, large and small, remembered and forgotten. We pray [especially for N., and] for all those blessings we now name, either aloud or in our hearts.*

We pray for all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially all who sit in pain, illness, or grief, those on our parish prayer lists [especially N.,] and those we now name, either aloud or in our hearts.

We pray for those who have died and for all who mourn; for those on our prayer lists [and especially for N.,] and for all those we now name, either aloud or in our hearts.

Gracious Father, who is ever present in times of trouble, we pray for all those affected by the devastation of Hurricane Helene. Grant them courage and hope in the midst of turmoil; surround them with your love and care. Strengthen all who lend aid, that their efforts may bring relief and healing.

We pray for our president, Joe, and our president-elect, Donald, our governor, Roy, and our governor-elect Josh.

Intercessor Light of the World, you taught us to worship in spirit and in truth.
Lead us to join with others to acknowledge the holiness of God, that
the whole world might be united in the truth of your love. We pray
together,
People **Jesus, guide us in your way.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (*please kneel*)

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THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THANKSGIVINGS (*please be seated*)

Birthdays for the Week:

11/10 Jane Kearns; 11/13 Brandon Chin; 11/14 Elaine Wood, Laura Rogers;
11/15 Cora Wickham; 11/16 Kenneth Trotter

A Collect for Birthdays

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

Anniversaries for the Week:

11/11 Annie & Art McCulloch; 11/16 Melissa & William Siler

A Collect for Anniversaries

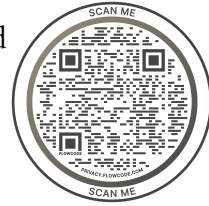
O gracious and everliving God, you have created us in your image: Look mercifully
upon these couples who come to you seeking your blessing, and assist them with your
grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises
and vows they have made; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

You are invited to contribute financially to Holy Comforter's mission and ministry by placing your gift in the offering plate as it is passed, or by giving electronically via the QR code printed here.



All praise to thee, our God, we raise

All praise to Thee, our God, we raise, for all thy gifts through-out our days;
bless all our hearts to sing Thy praise both now and ev - er - more, al - ways.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (PRAYER B)

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SANCTUS (8:00: spoken, 10:00: sung)

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

S128 (Mathias)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.

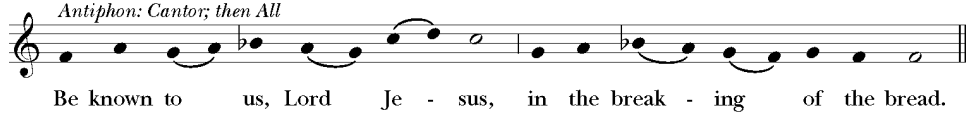
FRACTION ANTHEM (8:00: spoken, 10:00: sung)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

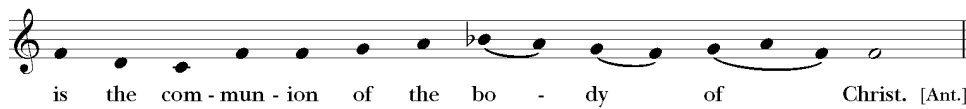
S171 (Martens)

This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon: Cantor; then All



Cantor



Cantor



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.

COMMUNION MUSIC (sung at 10:00)

#574 *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel*

PRAYER TO USE WHEN PARTICIPATING IN A “DISTANCED” CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST

In union with the faithful gathered at every altar of your church where the sacrament is celebrated this day, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And, since I cannot at this time receive you in the bread and the wine, I ask you, Lord Jesus, to come into my heart. Dwell in me, gracious Christ, in the fullness of your strength, in the depth of your peace. Renew my hope. Cleanse my body. Restore my patience. Until by your grace I can receive again, in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (when needed)

Celebrant In order that all may receive Holy Eucharist (N) will take communion to (N) today.

All **In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s Body and Blood. We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING *(please kneel or stand)*

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *(sung at 10:00)*

#594 *God of grace and God of glory*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY *(at 10:00)*

March (Allegro Moderato Maestros) (Mendelssohn)

Following the service, all are invited to greet one another at coffee hour for refreshments fellowship, outside Henry Hall.

November 10
**The Episcopal
 Church of the
 Holy Comforter**

The Sunday Spirit



This Sunday

- 8 am English
- 10 am English service, **also shown on Facebook live**
- Coffee Hour, after the service
- 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 11:30 a.m. **Explorers - Bring Your Bibles!**
- 1130 a.m. Freed Up, Conference Room
- 12:30 p.m. La Misa
- 5 pm EYC

Servers this Week

Celebrant: Fr. Greg

Preacher: Fr. Greg

Vergers: Ann Maxwell, John Cox

VPOD: Anne Binns, Niki Manke

Acolytes: Audra Carpenter, Sam Evans, Charlie Taylor, Geneva Everhart

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin Tydings, Nancy English Johnson & Bill Livingstone

Lectors: Mark Becker, Scotland Gallo & Jonathan Wells, Kirt Hibbitts

Flower Delivery:

Eucharistic Visitors: Diana Smith

Altar Guild: Frances Alden, Charlotte Lofton, Jeanne Rockas, Robin Moeller, Kathy Trotter

(La Misa: Iris Dominguez, Monica Vargas)

"So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." Galatians 6:9-10

Dear Family:

I know a lot of us are feeling a LOT of emotions this week... the unsurprising fruit of an ugly and emotional and personal season. Some feel elated, and some feel deflated.

Regardless, please be gentle with yourself, and be gentle with each other.

And know that your parish is here for you if you need support. Me, personally... if you need someone to receive your anger, frustration, sadness, confusion, or hurt... please let me know and I will do my best to be there to sit and listen and walk alongside you. Many of us at Holy Comforter will support you as well.

Let us work together for the good of all, including our brothers and sisters in Christ. Let us listen to one another, and practice our love for one another.

Grace and Peace,
 Fr. Greg+

READ THE FULL VERSION OF FATHER GREG'S LETTER HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/4566ptd2>

It's not too Late!

In Christ, power is infinite. He can multiply our generous individual gifts to make an impact in so many areas. Please join us in making a pledge for 2025 and making a difference - both in our church community and for our neighbors in Charlotte.



You can pledge online at: <https://www.holycomfortercharlotte.org/pledge-now/>



Visit our website!

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Oyster Roast - Time to RSVP!

Date: Saturday, November 16

Cost: \$25 per person

Music: provided by Carolina Gator Gumbo band

Food: Steamed oysters and Low Country Shrimp Boil

Scan the QR at right to register **by Monday, November 11**

Worship & Education

2025 Vestry Nominees



The Vestry has received a slate of candidates for Vestry from the Nominating Committee and additional parish nominations. The nominees for Vestry are: Natalie Castro, David Duggan, Gail Fennimore, Pat Mynatt, Susanne Shaw, Kathy Taylor and Russel Weil. Scan the QR code to read their bios.

Our Annual Meeting will be NEXT Sunday, Nov. 17, at 9 am, followed by our English service at 11 am and La Misa at 12:30 pm

Imagining with Scripture on Nov. 17

4-6 at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/5h26cuns> password is: hoco Nov 17, 24; Dec 15. Reach out to Mary Ann Archer at info@holycomfortercharlotte.org with questions or for more details.

2025 Women's Retreat at Valle Crucis Conference Center

At Valle Crucis Conference Center
A Place for Fellowship - Friendship - Faith

The theme for our 2025 retreat is **Fed By Joy**. We are excited to announce that **Deacon Rebecca Yarbrough** will lead our Retreat. The retreat is February 28 -March 2. Please Register as soon as possible. The planning committee is hard at work with Rebecca creating a wonderful opportunity to experience JOY in our community of women. We had a wonderful time last year and hope you will join us this year.

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/ucmxxmed>

Advent Festival

Join us in Henry Hall for this year's Advent Festival on Nov. 24 at 11:30 a.m. with crafts for children to do with their parents, hot chocolate bar and everything you need for your family to prepare for the season! Can't wait to see your family there.

Solar panels are operational!

After a lot of work from a very dedicated team, our solar panels are operational as of 11 am, Wednesday, November 6. (Photo shows the installation last week.)

Help Us Connect Our Spaces to Our Charlotte Community

We have beautiful facilities at Holy Comforter that we would love to share, both to increase our revenue and to connect with our wider community. If you know of a group or an individual that you think would like to rent our space please direct them to <https://www.holycomfortercharlotte.org/facilities-rental/>

Fellowship

Register for Community Dinner!

Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:45 pm in Henry Hall. RSVPs not required but encouraged so we know how much food to prepare: <https://forms.gle/oW1WMUubVRKkd9LUZA> It takes many hands to prepare dinner and clean up after. Want to help? Reach out to jessicad@holycomfortercharlotte.org.

Trust the Whisper

We are excited to welcome Kathy IZARD to Darrow-Owens on Monday, November 18. Kathy is the author of five books, including *The Hundred Story Home*, *The Last Ordinary Hour*, *Trust the Whisper*, and her children's books, *A Good Night for Mr. Coleman*, and *Grace Heard a Whisper*.

This meeting will focus on her latest, *Trust the Whisper*, which tells the poignant stories of what happens when the Holy Spirit is welcomed to take the lead. If you want to read the book ahead of time, it is available at Park Road Books. This program will put you in the perfect mindset for Thanksgiving and Advent. Guests and newcomers are expected. *ALL are welcome!* Contributing an item to the potluck supper is appreciated, though not required.

Monday, November 18th, starting 6:00 p.m. in Henry Hall, buffet supper at 6:30, Kathy speaks at 7 pm.

PLEASE respond to Mary Amos mary.mitchell.amos@gmail.com. This will be a well-attended meeting, and we want to make sure we have a place for you to sit. We also welcome volunteer helpers to arrive at 5:30 to help set up.

Men's Night Out for November/December

Where: Red Rocks Patio Strawberry Hill

WHO: Men of all ages 21- up

When: December 5th at 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

Reach out to Wil Bosbyshell at mbosbyshell@aol.com to RSVP. RSVPs are not required but are helpful.

Outreach

Lunch Bags for Roof Above

It's that time again! We will be making lunches for our neighbors. Y'all know the ask: batches of 10 x 1-gal ziploc bags each with a bottle of water, a snack and/or fruit, and two napkins if possible. Please deliver them to Henry Hall by 8:45-9:00 am each day.

Saturday, November 23: <https://tinyurl.com/5h4hth92>
Questions? Contact Brad Patterson at pattintl2@yahoo.ca

Gingerbread House Construction Party Collections

We have begun gathering donations for another successful Gingerbread House Construction Party. We need all kinds of festive edible items to build beautiful, messy, not-to-code creations. A collection box will be in the library area of Henry Hall from now until the event on Sunday, December 15 at 2:00.

Here's what we need: graham crackers, canned white frosting - NOT the whipped kind, animal crackers and people cookies (Trader Joe's has gingerbread people cookies), anything that you think would be good for decorating: colorful candies, stick pretzels, mini marshmallows, cereals, etc. Be creative!

And **Volunteers!!** Lots of volunteers. Be ready for messy, happy work! Tell your friends and family. We welcome the

HOLY COMFORTER PRAYERS THIS WEEK
NOVEMBER 10-16, 2024

CURRENT PRAYERS

Of support *for parishioners* Kathleen Wilder, Tom Fennimore, James Moore
for family and friends Danielle Prisinzano, Maria Antonieta Camacho, Barbara Bowers, Gary Lucas,
John Womack, Paul Mitchell, Maureen Menninger
for those who have died Lori Byrum, Nancy Bender

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and
and in thanksgiving for his life and in loving memory of our son, Mason
by Cindy and Ed Gash.*

ON-GOING PRAYERS

Of support for Vicky Adkins, Linda Carr, Rev. Cat Connolly, Ray Diamond, Hope Diaz, Jeffrey Freed,
Efraim Nathaniel Gonzalez, Connie Guthery, Hoover Harelson, Bryan D. Jackson, Margaret Kahn,
Anne Lisk, Amy Alexander Myers, Vera Payne, Ginger Prisinzano, Sean Riley, Amy Samonds,
Lydia Cristou Samonds, Carolyn Mae Smith, Linda Shuping Smith, Nell Smith, Joey Starnes,
Katharine Thomas, Tim Thomas, Michael Weeks, Anja & Chris Whittington, Cindy Wilshire,
Michael Wilson, John Womack
for military service David Cavins, Stephen DenBoer, Bryan Gamboa-Alfaro, Steven Parmley,
Michael Sgarlata, Michael Sparta

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VESTRY

Terms ending 2024: Joyce Bott (Senior Warden), Natalie Castro, Jason Evans, Carlyle Knox (Junior Warden)
Terms ending 2025: Mary Amos, Anne Binns (Clerk), Tom Cooke, Bob Murphy
Terms ending 2026: Tim Cavins, Jacqueline Howells, Niki Manke, Diana Smith



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