



HOLY COMFORTER
Episcopal Church

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 24

October 20, 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

✙ *At this time, children ages 3 to fifth grade--and any adults who wish to accompany them--are invited to follow the small wooden cross down the center aisle for children's chapel in our parish hall. Older children are welcome to participate as leaders and helpers. Everyone will return before the Peace.* ✙

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

VOLUNTARY

Voluntary and Trumpet Tune in D (William Boyce, 1711-1779)

WELCOME

THE WORD OF GOD

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

#495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus

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, hea-ven-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-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lector A reading from the book of Job.

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
so that a flood of waters may cover you?
Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
and say to you, 'Here we are'?
Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,
or given understanding to the mind?
Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?
Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,
when the dust runs into a mass
and the clods cling together?

"Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
when they crouch in their dens,
or lie in wait in their covert?
Who provides for the raven its prey,
when its young ones cry to God,
and wander about for lack of food?"

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

Lector

Bless the Lord, O my soul; *
 O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
 you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

People

**You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *
 and spread out the heavens like a curtain.**

You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
 you make the clouds your chariot;
 you ride on the wings of the wind.

**You make the winds your messengers *
 and flames of fire your servants.**

You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
 so that it never shall move at any time.

**You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
 the waters stood higher than the mountains.**

At your rebuke they fled; *
 at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

**They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
 to the places you had appointed for them.**

You set the limits that they should not pass; *
 they shall not again cover the earth.

**O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
 in wisdom you have made them all;
 the earth is full of your creatures.**

Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 5:1-10

Lector

A reading from the book of Hebrews.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
 today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
 according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

GOSPEL PROCESSION (*sung at 10:00*)

#660 *O master, let me walk with thee*

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Greg Brown

THE NICENE CREED (*please stand*)

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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.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(please kneel)*

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:

10/20 Livia Reuter, Katherine Zarbatany, Heather LaJoie; 10/21 Lindsay Redfern;
10/22 Kinzey Taylor; 10/23 Diana Smith, Mary Ann Archer, Brooklyn McKee;
10/24 Shannon Kissinger; 10/25 Catherine Regan; 10/26 Sophia Gallagher

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:

10/23 Kelly Ryan & Gerry Smith; 10/26 Lisa Morgan & Robb Webb

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.**

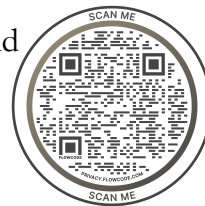
ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

8:00: *Prelude in G Major* (William Henry Harris, 1883-1973)
10:00: *Lux aeterna from Requiem* (Maurice Durufle, 1902-1986)

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.



PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

For the fruit of all creation

For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing si - lent growth while we are
sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe keep - ing, thanks be to God.

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.

S129 (Powell)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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.**

WLP 876 (Burnam)

Antiphon, sung by a cantor/choir, then repeated by all

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the

Verses, sung by a cantor/choir

break - ing of the bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le -

All repeat antiphon

lu - ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bo - dy of Christ.
lu - ia, for though - ma - ny we share one bread.

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)

#455 *O Love of God, how strong and true*
#478 *Jesus, our mighty Lord*

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

#530 *Spread, O Spread thou mighty word*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune in C Major (David N. Johnson, 1922-1987)

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

October 20
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. Thoughtful Seekers, VE 207
- 11:30 a.m. Conversations about All Saints' Day and Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem*, Henry Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Children's Formation
- 12:30 p.m. La Misa
- 4 pm Imagining with Scripture
- 5 pm EYC
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Servers this Week

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Greg Verger: May Winiarski, John Cox

VPOD: Tim Cavins, Joyce Bott

Acolytes: Charlie Taylor, John Binns, Clay Redder

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin Tydings, May Winiarski, Nancy English Johnson

Lectors: Heather LaJoie, Kirt Hibbitts & Geneva Everhart, Jonathan Wells

Flower Delivery: Penny Crawford

Eucharistic Visitors: Bill Wilder

Altar Guild: Arnette Brewington Jane Coghill, Georganna Moore Leslie Perlik, Terri Matthews (La Misa: Iris Dominguez, Monica Vargas)

Thoughtful Seekers: Do I Stay Christian?

Forum #3 in the fall series on modern Christianity for believers, doubters, and "nones" [meets in Van Every 207 this Sunday](#). No need to read the book or to have been at the first two forums, just [join us this Sunday at 11:30 am for lively discussion exploring five more chapters of the book](#).

Greetings, Holy Comforter Family:

It is autumn and our Annual Giving Commitment season is in full swing. For me this is always an exciting time, as our LEADERSHIP seeks to inspire our MEMBERSHIP, and then estimate the resources that we will have to apply in 2025 toward building God's Kingdom here in Charlotte the way that only WE CAN.

I believe in the ministries that happen both in and through Holy Comforter and I LOVE supporting them; and so I give as generously as I can, completing the Biblical standard of the tithe... or 10% of my income. As well expressed in the "Freed Up" program, this, for me, is very life-giving. I hope you find it the same. So...

IF you believe in what we are doing at and through Holy Comforter; and

IF you are one of the 189 that did pledge in 2024; or

IF you weren't able to pledge last year but might be able to now; or

IF you are strictly an on-line attender of our services and want to support our ministries; or

IF you are a newer member of our parish Family; and/or

IF you ARE going to [pledge for 2025](#),

Could I please ask you to do so by the official ingathering date of October 27 so that we can budget confidently and soon?

(Having to chase people down... especially those that plan on *eventually* pledging anyway... costs our leadership a LOT of ministry-energy that could otherwise be spent on our OTHER ministry priorities, like Adult and Children's Spiritual Formation, Liturgy and Music, and Outreach, and Pastoral Care)

My prayers that you are as excited as I am with what God plans to do with us in 2025!

Thank you!

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Greg+

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](#)



Who are the Saints? Not just a football team from New Orleans!

Come to Henry Hall following the 10:00 Eucharists on October 20 and 27 for a two-part class and discussion about the church's upcoming observance of All Saints' Day, and the choir's offering of Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem* on **November 1 at 7:00 pm in the church**. (Childcare will be available.) To mark the day, the choir has been learning and preparing a major musical work by French composer Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986): his setting of the *Requiem*, or the *Mass for the Dead*. The event is free and open to the public. **The Holy Comforter Foundation will match all offerings received at the November 1 concert, up to \$5,000, to send to Episcopal Relief and Development for hurricane aid in Western North Carolina.** A reception in Henry Hall will follow the concert.



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. **Pledge at:**

<https://www.holycomfortercharlotte.org/pledge-now/>

Worship & Education

Adult Forum at The Hour
On Sundays at 11:30 am:

- October 20 - Thoughtful Seekers, Conversations about All Saints' Day and Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem*
- October 27 - Thoughtful Seekers, Conversations about All Saints' Day and Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem*

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. Read more at: <https://tinyurl.com/4vwtfetk>

Imagining with Scripture This Sunday

4-6 at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/5h26cuns> password is: hoco Oct 20; Nov 17, 24; Dec 15. Reach out to Mary Ann Archer at info@holycorfortercharlotte.org with questions or for more details.

2025 Women's Retreat at Valle Crucis Conference Center

The 2025 Retreat will be February 28 - March 2 and Registration is open. The planning committee is hard at work and welcomes new members. Our retreat leader will be announced soon. The registration deadline is November 1. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/ucmmxmed>

Trunk or Treat

We will have a trunk or treat on Wednesday, October 30, after community dinner (which will be a very kid-friendly menu of grilled cheese and soups). We need volunteers to decorate their trunks and pass out candy/non candy items. Contact kimberlyr@holycorfortercharlotte.org.

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



On Saturday, October 26, Holy Comforter is sponsoring a Halloween outreach project for Families Together with a pumpkin decorating contest and

pizzas at the YWCA for the families. There are 9 families with about 35 children ranging from toddlers to teens.

How can you help?

Sunday, October 20, during coffee hour, all ages will be invited to help pack pumpkin kits in the library. Saturday, October 26, at 4:30 p.m., volunteers will meet at the Y to have fun helping the families create imaginative pumpkins (the Y requests adults only due to the sensitivity of the Families Together program.)

Can't be there but want to help? If you wish to help with Pumpkins & Pizzas, send checks to Holy Comforter and designated for YWCA Halloween, or **gifts may be made to the church through Realm.** To volunteer or for more information, contact Jane Crutchfield at hgrammy@yahoo.com.

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@holycorfortercharlotte.org.

"Joy Mast, Being the Best You Can Be"

Following a 7-year battle with disordered binge eating, Joy developed a program to help others deal with compulsively destructive behaviors. Treat yourself to a copy of her book and enjoy the evening with friends, a potluck meal, and inspiration!

Monday, October 21, 6:00 – 8:00pm, Henry Hall

Potluck Supper begins at 6:30; program is 7:00-8:00.

All are welcome; guests and newcomers are expected.

Reservations are tremendously appreciated. Contact Mary Amos: mary.mitchell.amos@gmail.com

Men's Night Out

Where: Red Rocks Patio Strawberry Hill

WHO: Men of all ages 21- up

When: Thursday, October 24, 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

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

ESL Help Needed

The ESL program on Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 pm, needs child care assistance. Volunteers are needed to work with a professional caregiver to care for small groups of children. Contact Maguilida Rowe at 980-505-9809. 11

HOLY COMFORTER PRAYERS THIS WEEK
OCTOBER 20-26, 2024

CURRENT PRAYERS

Of support *for parishioners* 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 loving memory of Shirley and James Littlejohn and DeLayne and Sam Rogers
by Laura and Bruce Rogers, Liz and Jonathan Weathers, Patricia and Robby Thomas.*

ON-GOING PRAYERS

Of support for Vicky Adkins, Grey Brewington, 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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The Reverend Greg Brown, Rector
The Reverend Cat Connolly, Associate Rector
The Reverend Daisy Colon, Deacon
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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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