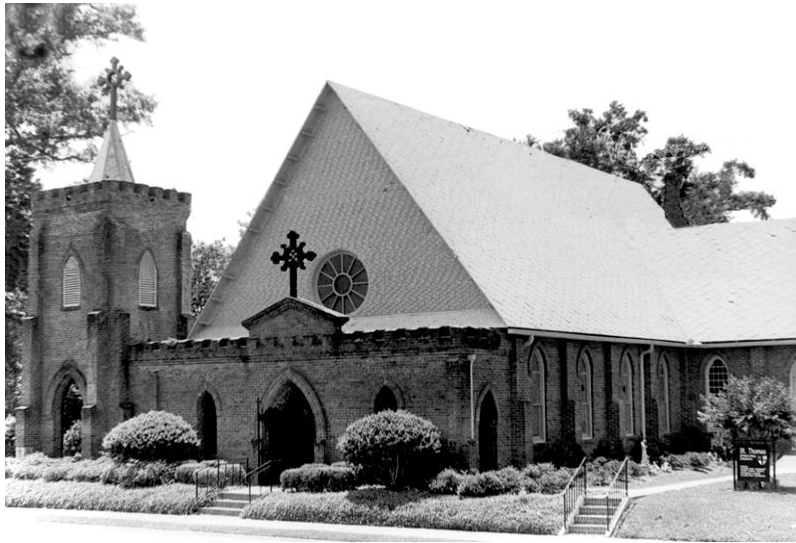


# THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 15, 2025 10:00 a.m.

An Order for the  
Administration of Communion  
Under Special Circumstances

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## COMMUNION UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES: RITE TWO

*BCP – The Book of Common Prayer, H – The Hymnal 1982*  
*S – Service Music in The Hymnal, A – Alleluia III Songbook*

### Prelude

**Opening Hymn**                      *Come thou almighty King*                      H 365

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 as part of an earlier Eucharistic celebration. 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.

**The Opening Acclamation**    BCP 355

Leader     Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People     *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

**The Collect**    Insert

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### The Lessons

**First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the

town, at the entrance of the portals she cried out: “To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

## Psalm 8

BCP 592

<sup>1</sup>O Lord our Governor, \*

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of infants and children \*

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

<sup>3</sup>You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

<sup>4</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>5</sup>What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?

<sup>6</sup>You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;

<sup>7</sup>You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:

<sup>8</sup>All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beast of the field,

<sup>9</sup>The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

<sup>10</sup>O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

## Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our suffering, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

**Sequence Hymn**

*Holy Father, great Creator*

H 368

*Then, all standing,*

BCP 357

*a Worship Leader, Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

*People        Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

## **Gospel John 16:12-15**

Jesus said to his disciples, “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

Leader       The Gospel of the Lord.

*People        Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **Homily**

Tammi Edwards

## **The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

*All say together*

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.

## **Prayers of the People Form IV**

BCP 388

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may  
be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal  
your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the  
ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another  
and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,  
that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others  
and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant  
that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he  
loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

## **Leader     Concluding Collect**

BCP 394

Almighty God, to whom, our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not ask, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The Confession of Sin**

BCP 360

Leader    Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All say together*

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**

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.*

**Leader** The peace of the Lord be always with you. BCP 360

*People And also with you.*

## **The Announcements**

**Offertory Sentence** BCP 376

*The Leader says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to Almighty God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## **Offertory Anthem**

**The Presentation** *Doxology* *H 380 v 3*

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

Sisters and brothers, on the 11th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, 2025, the people of St. Mary's, Andalusia, gathered as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. A portion of the Sacred Bread and Precious Blood was reserved from that Eucharist, and has been reverently kept for us that we may this day join with those who gathered then, in communion with God and all Christians of every place and every time, to share in this 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 into one Spirit and one body.

*People And are all made to drink of one Cup.*

**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 together* All Mighty 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**

BCP 364

**Leader:** 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,

### *Celebrant and People*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

**Leader** The gifts of God for the people of God.

### *Administration of Communion*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

## **Communion Hymns**

*Nothing but the blood (6)*

A 122

*Father, I Adore You*

A 92

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds following the people.*

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

BCP 365

After Communion, the Leader says



Let us pray.

*Leader and People*

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

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

H 362

Dismissal

**Leader** Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

### **Worship Leaders Today**

Tammi Edwards, *Lay Worship Leader*

Dent Neilson, *Lay Assist*

Cleve Poole, *Lay Reader*

Nick Hartley, *AV*

Dent Neilson, *Lay Eucharistic Visitor*

Don Jones, *Usher*

Susan, Cemira, Carolyn, *Altar Guild*



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