

Thanksgiving and Blessing *Standing and in unison*

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 forever. *Amen.*

Recessional Music

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Please exit the nave whilst maintaining social distance of six feet.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Our Vestry and Clergy, Pit Hesterly, Julian Christopher Buuck, Stephen, Sandie Jordan, Barbara Myers, Joyce McClellan, Janet Tessier, Christopher Anglin, Lynn, Charles Lutes, Gerald Delaunay, Lila, Bob King, Mary McIntosh, Frank Parratt, Karen Gallet, Lisa Bordelon, Maggie Patin, Richard, Janet, Jamie, Ken Wade, Nita, Ryan Green, Billy Hall, Hazel, Marvin, Ainsleigh, Katie, Mary Fay Freshley, Michael Reed, Nicholas Blonski, Margret DeLarue, Catherine Elizabeth, Henry, Tim and Sarah, Emily Taylor, Lee, Alison Higginbotham, Renee Reina, Tammy Carpenter, Dr Kerri Rimmel, Rebecca Jayne, Gwen Bernard, James Alan Vaughn, Sawyer Billeaud, Paul, Benita, Marie Julie, Jimmy, William and Ann Shower, Laura, Maddox, Curtis Melancon, Charlene, Faye V. Turner, Hedy Stevens, Louise Haddock, Virginia Bercegeay, Lisa Karre,

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles Franklin Burgess, Father of Stuart.

Lector:

Acolyte:

Ushers:

Music: Tom Lyles, Minister of Music and John Moore, organ

Summer Office Hours: Monday—Friday: 8:30 am—1 pm



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“Let us worship the Lord” standing practices & expectations

Ascension and Coronavirus

We welcome you to worship with us today! As we seek to reduce (not remove) risk to our parishioners, volunteers and staff, the following standards are subject to change as circumstances warrant and shall be normative until further notice.

Sunday Worship time & order

11:00 AM

A **limit of 50** attendees per service will be admitted. All others will be invited to attend the later service.

Ushers will assign seating per state regulation. Families of the same household may sit together as space allows.

No childcare will be provided until further notice.

Those considered at risk of COVID-19 are strongly encouraged to worship from home. The at-risk population is anyone 65 years old or older, and anyone with chronic lung disease; moderate to severe asthma; chronic heart disease; severe obesity; diabetes; chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis; liver disease; or weakened immune system.

Everyone 3 years of age and older are required to wear a face mask over their nose and mouth, including clergy. Celebrants of Word and Table will remove masks only when speaking. The State advises, “Children under 2 years of age and individuals who have difficulty breathing should not wear face coverings.” If you have difficulty breathing, stay home.

Service modifications include:

Bulletins will be available on the pews. Please dispose in recycling bins at the doors when exiting.

Prayers be said standing only. No kneeling.

The Peace of Christ shall be shared verbally without physical contact. All are encouraged to place their right hand over their heart and bow to acknowledge one another with Christ's Peace.

Offering plates will be stationed at the front and back of the church nave and shall not be touched or moved during the service.

Communion bread will be administered by clergy at the chancel steps. Communicants shall wear their mask and remove it after receiving the bread which shall be received in the open palm and consumed before returning to the pew. Please use hand sanitizer after receiving communion.



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The Right Reverend Jacob W. Owensby

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The Reverend Joseph Daly

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The Reverend Honey Becker

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

Prelude

Processional Music

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

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

The Collect for Purity *Standing*

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 Trisagion

Celebrant: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

All: **Have mercy upon us.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

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O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Romans 14: 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all