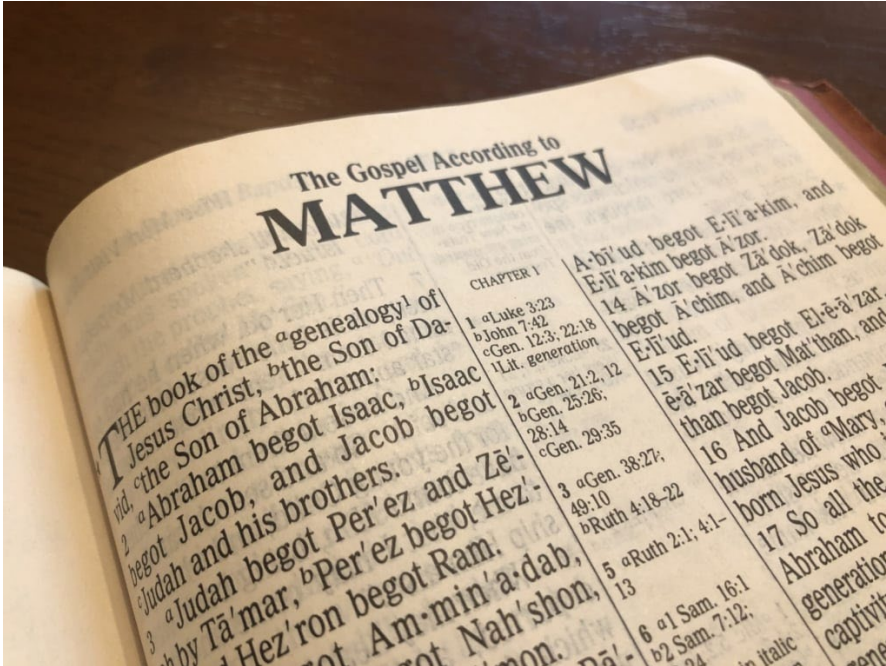


SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Organized 1871

Celebrating 155 Years of ministry in Columbia, South Carolina

*The Mission of St. Luke's Episcopal Church is to Spread the Word
and share the love of God with all people*



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 13A

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

August 2, 2026

10:00AM

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford, Rector & Priest

The Rev. William Brock, Supply Priest

Mr. Ezra Blackwell, Interim Supply Organist

Vestry Theme for 2026

Reset to the New Normal: The Work Continues

Mission Statement

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Vision Statement

{To become} a vibrant self-sustaining institution that serves and respects the spiritual, social, and physical needs of our community and congregation, while preserving the history of the church.

Quiet Please: Please be mindful of others as you enter the church before the service. Upon entering the nave, there should be a period of quiet and reverence as many parishioners are in prayer and or meditation.

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Saint Luke's Episcopal Church



It is the parish custom to observe silence prior to the start of the Eucharist. Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God. Before the service, speak to the Lord, during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

We invite you to join us as an active participant in our worship of God. This bulletin is your guide to our worship. You will find three books in front of you that contain most of the material needed for this service. We will use *The Book of Common Prayer* [BCP], *The Hymnal 1982* [H], and *Lift Every Voice and Sing, II* [L]. [S] denotes service music which is found in the front of the hymnal.

Prelude

“Finlandia”

Jan Sibelius
arr. Diane Bish

✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross

******At the ringing of the bell, all stand.

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn in Procession H • 48

“O Day of Radiant Gladness” *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

The Opening Acclamation

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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.*

✠ “in the glory of God the Father. Amen.”

The Salutation

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The people sit.*

The First Lesson

Genesis 32:22-31

Lector: A reading from the Book of Genesis

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

[Silence]

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 17:1-7,16 *Exaudi, Domine*

*The antiphon is sung first by the Cantor and then by all; thereafter where indicated.



A1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;
give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

B2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice. {Antiphon}

A3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

B4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips. {Antiphon}



A5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

B6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

B7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them. {Antiphon}

B16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; *
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding
your likeness. {Antiphon}

The Epistle

Romans 9:1-5

Lector: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom

he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[Silence]

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn H • 536 "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" *Torah Song*

The Gospel Acclamation

Mode VI/Melody

**Sung first by the Cantor; then by all.*

arr. Richard Proulx



*"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."
(1Peter 2:9)*

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Priest The Holy Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

The Sermon

Fr. William Brock+

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

✠ “and the life of the world to come. Amen.”

The Prayers of the People Form III

BCP 387

✠ “Give to the departed eternal rest.”

The Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

✠ “forgive you all your sins ...”

The Peace

Welcome & Announcements

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem

“O Lord, Most Holy”

César Franck

At the Presentation of Alms “Glory Be to the Father”

Greatorex

**All standing*

(Gloria Patri)

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer “A”

BCP 361

Sursum corda

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

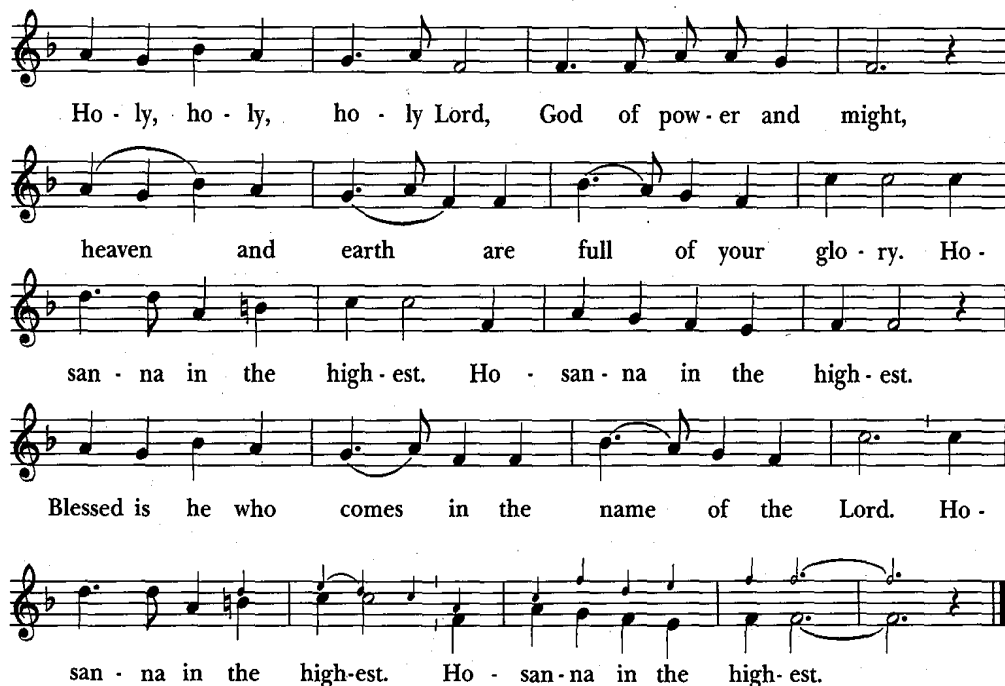
**The Celebrant proceeds*

The Proper Preface for the Lord’s Day

**Said by the Celebrant*

Sanctus et Benedictus

Setting: from *A Community Mass*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

✠ “Blessed is he ...”

**The people kneel or sit.*

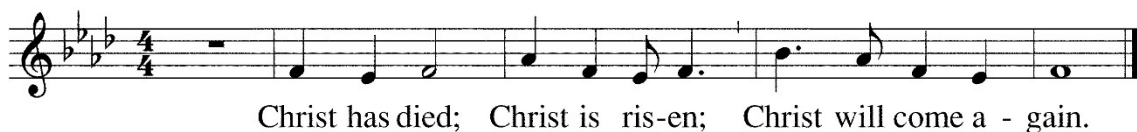
The Prayer of Consecration

BCP 362

“do this in remembrance of me.” ✠ *(after the second ringing of the bells)*

The Memorial Acclamation

Setting: from *A Community Mass*



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

The Great Amen

Setting: from *A Community Mass*



A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of brief silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem

Setting: from *A Community Mass*

♩ = 84 *Optional introduction* **f** *All:*

When we eat this Bread and

drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O

Lord, un - til you come a - gain. *non rit.*

Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

Agnus Dei

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People Have mercy upon us

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People Have mercy upon us

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

People Grant us thy peace.

Priest ✠ “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.”

The Music at Communion

H • 321 “My God, Thy Table, Now Is Spread”

Rockingham

L • 146 “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

Bread of Life

L • 189 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

William N. Runyan

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.*

The Blessing

Hymn in Procession H • 51

“We the Lord’s People”

Decatur Place

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

*Postlude

“Fantasia in G Minor, BWV 542”

J.S. Bach

*It is the custom of this parish to remain seated in prayer and reflection during the Organ Postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

INTERCESSIONS



- **Parishioners:** Gary Bowden, John Bowden, Christina Caldwell, Damion Cokley, Jackson Cokley, Patricia Cokley, Byron Eaddy, Gloria Eaddy, Eddie Glenn, Cynthia Goines, Robert Green, Yvonne Hall, Daryl Hammonds, Jr., Desmond Hammonds, Valencia Hammonds, Tarnez Hickman, Justin Hickmon, LaToya Hickmon, Cedric Johnson, Levi Johnson, Sr., James McLemore, Gwendolyn Meadows, Carmen Murray, Jay’ceon Quattlebaum, Malik Quattlebaum, Joseph Ray, Reginald Reed, Cassandra Sims, William Smith, Jr., Ronald Turner, Dorothy Walker, Peyton Parker-Smith
- **Family & Friends:** Carline Armstrong, Ruth Bowden, Ingrid Dowdell, Barbara Ann Jacobs, Gerald L. McNair, Elsie Mitchell, Ann Morris, Greg Morris, Katherine, Robinson, Mattie Anderson-Roberson, Theodora Washington

- **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Diocesan Ministry to Retired Clergy
 - **Birthdays:** Nadia Muhammad (3rd), Anthony Kelley (7th), Eunice Robinson (8th), Valerie Riley (8th)
 - **Anniversaries:**
 - **Births:**
 - **Deaths:**
 - **Traveling Mercies:** Fr. Raphiell Ashford+, Nadia Muhammad
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Thank you to Esdras (Ezra) Blackwell for serving as our Interim Supply Organist and for providing us with beautiful music over the past few months. We wish you much success as you prepare to depart for graduate school. You and your family will always have a place in our hearts and here at St. Luke's.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SABBATICAL: Fr. Raphiell is on sabbatical from June 1st-August 31st 2026.
Point of Contact: Senior Warden, Errol Porter (803) 888-0854.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE hopes that you are enjoying your summer with your friends and families. Please expect a mid-year statement in your email or in the mail which will indicate your status with your pledge or gifts. If you are current with your pledge and support, we thank you. If you are not current, we hope you can try to bring it up to date. During the summer months, we see a significant decrease in funds which makes it difficult to pay our parish obligations. Thank you for your spiritual and financial support of St. Luke's over the years.

FUNERAL BULLETINS/PLEASE READ: Effective September 1st, all funeral bulletins for funerals to be held at St. Luke's will be printed in-house. **Bulletins will no longer be outsourced to funeral homes.** The Episcopal liturgy is unique and does not fit the mold of standard funeral bulletin templates. If you have already prepaid with a funeral home for bulletins, you can either request a refund or have the funeral home cut a check to St. Luke's for the amount that you paid.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING... All persons in leadership & volunteer positions in the Church must be certified in Safe Church Training. The online training is offered for free courtesy of the Diocese. An email will be sent to those persons who are in need of the training. **The diocesan office will contact those who have registered but have not completed the training.**

SECURITY.... Parishioners, the importance of security cannot be taken lightly. Please consider giving a donation for Security so that we may be proactive and not reactive.

SERVANTS FOR THE LORD... If you have a desire to serve in the Church in a certain capacity (liturgical), please contact the Rector. If you are not sure what you are calling is, contact the Rector for a one on one so that the two of you might discover your gifts and talents. In the absence of the Rector, notify the Senior or Junior Warden, who will pass the information on to the Rector.

ST. LUKE'S ENDOWMENT FUND... Please consider giving a donation on your birthday and/or anniversary of \$1 per year. Donations to the Endowment Fund will help to secure the future of St. Luke's. Your donations are needed and appreciated.

155th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY/ST LUKE'S DAY... We will observe the parish anniversary and the Feast of Saint Luke Sunday, October 18th. **Each parishioner is asked to give \$155 in celebration for the anniversary. The Rector is working on securing a special guest speaker with the bishop's permission.**

ST. LUKE'S CHORAL SCHOLARS & BLAKELY-ROBINSON MUSIC FUND... Your contributions are always appreciated and needed more than ever. Contributions to these funds help to secure choristers & instrumentalists for our Sunday services as well as special services: funerals, weddings, etc. It is because of your continued generous contributions that we are able to present glorious choral & instrumental music to the glory of God. Please consider contributing towards this fund.

Servants for the Lord

The Old Testament Lector

DeNell Hickman

The Gospel Book Bearer

Herman Hickman

Intercessor

Gloria Eaddy

Thurifer & Boat Bearer

Cory James

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Lay Eucharistic Minister

Corliss Wise

Crucifer

Jaylen Caldwell

Oblation Bearers

Karen Castelli

Rachel Hall

Ushers

Karen Castelli

Ronald Turner

Parish Fellowship is sponsored by Chris & Karen Castelli.

AUGUST CALENDAR OR SERVICES/MEETINGS/EVENTS

AUGUST	SERVICE/MEETING/EVENT	TIME & PLACE
August 1st – August 31st		
2 nd (Sunday)	Choir Rehearsal	8:30am—9:15am Hurley Choir Room
	The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost w/ The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am/Nave
	Parish Fellowship Ezra's last Sunday as Parish Supply Organist	11:45am Griffin Hall
3 rd (Monday)		
4 th (Tuesday)		
5 th (Wednesday)		
6 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12:00noon The O'Neal Center
	Midlands SHAPE First Thursday Advocacy Lunch & Learn	11:00am—2:00pm Griffin Hall
7 th (Friday)	Parish Office Closed	
8 th (Saturday)	2 nd Saturday Feeding	12:00pm-1:00pm Griffin Hall Entrance Door
9 th (Sunday)	Choir Rehearsal	8:30am—9:15am Hurley Choir Room
	The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost w/ The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am/Nave
10 th (Monday)	Historic Waverly Association Meeting	6:00pm-7:30pm Bishop's Memorial AME Church
11 th (Tuesday)	Archives Committee	10:30am-1:00pm Archives Room

12 th (Wednesday)		
13 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12:00noon The O'Neal Center
14 th (Friday)	Parish Office Closed	
15 th (Saturday)	Daughters of the King (DOK) Chapter Presidents Meeting	9:00am—2:00pm 10:00am—10:45am The Holy Eucharist: Rite II / (Nave) 11:00am—2:00pm w/lunch Griffin Hall
16 th (Sunday)	Choir Rehearsal	8:30am—9:15am Hurley Choir Room
	The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost w/ The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am/Nave
17 th (Monday)		
18 th (Tuesday)	Finance Committee	4:00pm-5:15pm Griffin Hall
	Vestry Meeting	6:00pm-7:15pm Griffin Hall
19 th (Wednesday)	Quilters & Crafters	10:30am-1:00pm Griffin Hall
20 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12:00noon The O'Neal Center
21 st (Friday)	Parish Office Closed	
22 nd (Saturday)	4 th Saturday Feeding	12:00pm-1:00pm Griffin Hall Entrance Door
23 rd (Sunday)	Choir Rehearsal	8:30am—9:15am Hurley Choir Room
	The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost w/ The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am/Nave

	Daughters of the King (DOK) Meeting Preparation of Service	Griffin Hall
24 th (Monday)		
25 th (Tuesday)		
26 th (Wednesday)	Quilters & Crafters	10:30am-1:00pm Griffin Hall
27 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12:00noon The O’Neal Center
	Workshop: Ask me About U=U	Registration 9:30-10:10am Workshop 10:00am-3:30pm South Carolina Health Campus 400 Otarre Parkway Cayce, SC 29033
28 th (Friday)	Parish Office Closed	
29 th (Saturday)	Parish Picnic	10:00am—3:00pm Sesquicentennial Park 9564 Two Notch Rd. Columbia, SC 29223
30 th (Sunday)	Choir Rehearsal	8:30am—9:15am Hurley Choir Room
	The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost w/ The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am/Nave
	Ushers Meeting (St. David’s Guild)	11:45am Nave
31 st (Monday)		

***Just a reminder to keep your financial obligations (pledges, etc.)
to the church up to date over the summer months.**

Parish Office Hours: 10:00am—2:00pm (M-Th)

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& the Great Amen**

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Louie Crew, author of *101 Reasons to be Episcopalian*