

SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Celebrating 154 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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

August 3, 2025

10:00AM

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford, Rector & Priest
Mrs. Cynthia Fruth, Organist & Choirmaster

Vestry Theme for 2025

Reset to the New Normal

Mission Statement

The mission of St. Luke's Episcopal Church is to spread the Word and share the love of God with all.

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

“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”

Paul O. Manz

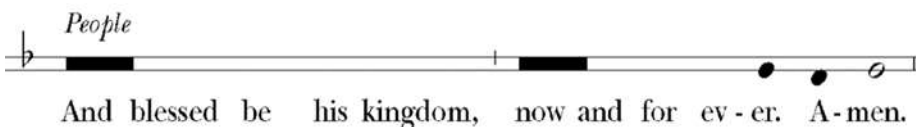
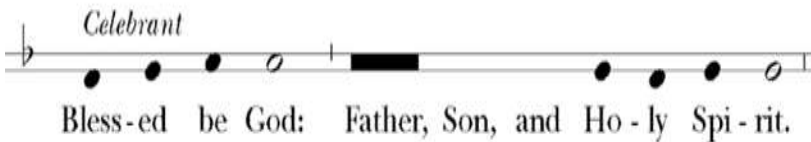
✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross

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

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn in Procession H • 594 “God of Grace, and God of Glory” *Cwm Rhondda*

The Opening Acclamation



✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Collect for Purity

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.*

Gloria S. 280

Robert Powell

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Hosea 11:1-11

Lector: A Reading from the Book of Hosea

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call,

but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

[Silence]

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

Psalm 107: 1-9, 43

Confitemini Domino

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

Give thanks to the Lord for he is

good, and his mercy en-dures for ev - er.



2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south. [Antiphon]

4 Some wandered in desert wastes; *
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

5 They were hungry and thirsty; *
their spirits languished within them. [Antiphon]

6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.

7 He put their feet on a straight path *
to go to a city where they might dwell. [Antiphon]

8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

9 For he satisfies the thirsty *
and fills the hungry with good things. [Antiphon]

B43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things, *
and consider well the mercies of the LORD. [Antiphon]

The Epistle

Colossians 3:1-11

Lector: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

[Silence]

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn H • 592/ L • 62

“In Christ There Is no East or West”

McKee

The Gospel Acclamation

“A Celtic Alleluia”

Finnian O’Carroll

*Sung first by the Cantor; then by all.



“Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.”

The Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford

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 of Sin & Absolution

BCP 360

✠ "forgive you all your sins ..."

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements, Birthday, & Anniversary Blessings

Fr. Raphiell+

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem

“O Divine Redeemer”

Charles-François Gounod

Elliott Brown, tenor

At the Presentation of Alms

“Glory Be to the Father”

Greatorex

**All standing*

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 “C”

BCP 369

**The people remain standing.*

Sursum corda

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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*

Sanctus et Benedictus

from *A Community Mass*; Proulx

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 may stand or kneel.*

The Prayer of Consecration

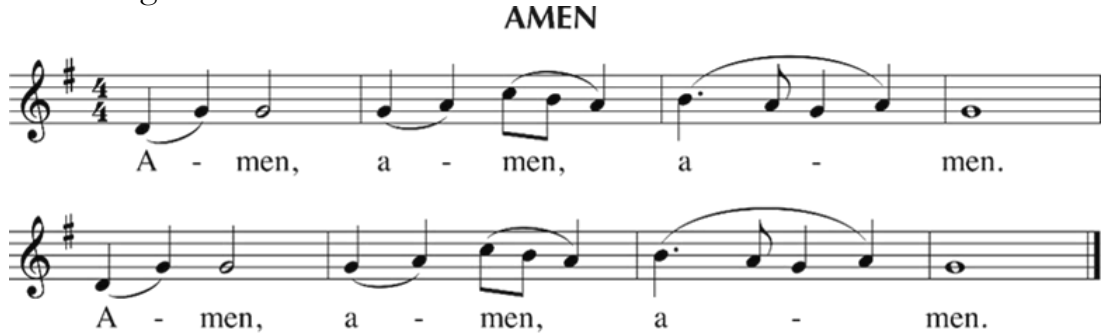
BCP 372

(At the invoking of the Holy Spirit);

“Let the grace of this Holy Communion ✠make us one body ...”

The Great Amen

*The Priest sings the first “Amen.”



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The Lord's Prayer (*Pater Noster*) L·265

*The priest sings the *Pater Noster*.

Carl Haywood
from *A Mass for Grace*

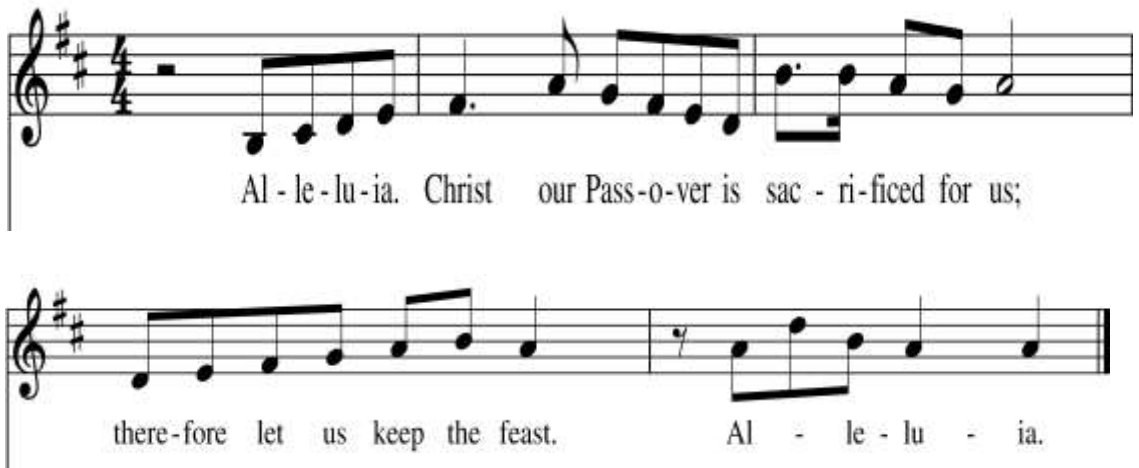
The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of brief silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem

“Christ Our Passover”

Thaddeus P. Cavouti
from *Mass of St. Columba*



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.

Instructions for Receiving Communion

- *All baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion, and those who do not desire to receive Communion may come to the Altar rail to receive God's blessing.*
- *An usher will direct you to approach the Altar for Communion or a blessing. Please kneel, if you are able, at the Altar Rail.*
- *To receive the consecrated bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed and facing up.*
- *To receive the consecrated wine, please guide the chalice to your lips as it is offered. However, if you prefer, you may leave the consecrated bread in your palm and the Chalice bearer will intinct the host into the wine and place it on your tongue. Please do not personally intinct the host into the chalice.*

If you desire to receive Communion but are not able to come to the Altar rail, please notify an usher and the Priest and Chalice bearer will bring Communion to you.

The Music at Communion

H•302	“Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted”	<i>Rendez a Dieu</i>
H•574	“Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel”	<i>St. Petersburg</i>
L•151	“One Bread, One Body”	John B. Foley, SJ

The Post Communion Prayer

**All kneel as able or sit.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no-one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Show love to everyone. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; And the blessing of Almighty God, ✠the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, be amon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn in Procession H•542 “Christ Is the World’s True Light”

St. Joan

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Nun danket alle Gott”

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.

Congratulations to Christina Caldwell on her graduation from Spring Valley High School. Christina plans to further her education at Midlands Tech.

INTERCESSIONS



- **Parishioners:** Charles W. Blakely, Gary Bowden, John Bowden, Damion Cokley, Carole Cooper, Gloria Eaddy, Eddie Glenn, Cynthia Goines, Robert Green, Yvonne Hall, Daryl Hammonds, Jr., Desmond Hammonds, Valencia Hammonds, Tarnez Hickman, Justin Hickmon, LaToya Hickmon, Levi Johnson, Sr., James McLemore, Mary McLemore, Marie Martin, Carmen Murray, Jay'ceon Quattlebaum, Malik Quattlebaum, Joseph Ray, Reginald Reed, Peyton Parker-Smith, William Smith, Jr., Ronald Turner, Dorothy Walker, Patricia Cokley
- **Family & Friends:** Ingrid Dowdell, Cynthia Fruth, Gerald L. McNair, Elsie Mitchell, Quintin Morris
- **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer...** Ministry to Retired Clergy Retirement
- **Birthdays...** Eunice Robinson (8th), Valerie Riley (8th)
- **Anniversaries...** Levi & Loretta Johnson (9th)
- **Births...**
- **Deaths...**
- **Traveling Mercies...** Peyton Parker-Smith, Beverly Ray & grandsons (Caden Leysath, Ethan Leysath)

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Gospel Acclamation

“A Celtic Alleluia”

Finnian O’Carroll

The Great Amen

from *Jubilation Mass*

James Chepponis

Service music

Opening Acclamation, Gloria, *Sursum corda*, *Sanctus*, & *the Lord’s Prayer*, Permission by RiteSong online music library for one-time use of this material for congregational use.

The Fraction Anthem

from the hymnal, *Wonder, Love, and Praise*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUNERAL NOTICE... Celebration of Life in honor of Terri Terrell Bynoe, wife of Dr. Raymond P. H. Bynoe, Friday August 15, 2025, 4:00pm-7:00pm; Elm Abode Mansion, 1335 Elm Abode Terrace, Columbia, South Carolina

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY/ST. LUKE'S DAY: The Feast of St. Luke will be observed on Sunday, October 19th. All parishioners are asked to pay \$154, the age of the parish (officially May 21st). Funds are due by Sunday October 19th, but may be paid at any time before that date. The Guest Speaker/Preacher: TBA

ST. LUKE'S CHORAL SCHOLARS & BLAKELY-ROBINSON MUSIC FUND... Your contributions are needed more than ever now that the Chorister Fund Deficit is no longer. Thank you for help with bringing the deficit current. Contributions to these funds help to secure choristers for our Sunday services as well as special services: funerals, weddings, etc. It is because of your continued generous contributions that we are able present glorious choral & instrumental music to the glory of God. Please consider contributing towards this fund.

SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

The Old Testament Lector

Lorin Palmer

The Gospel Book Bearer

Intercessor

Trinessa Kirby

Thurifer

Herman Hickman

Cantor

Elliott Brown

Videographer

Deadra Bowden

The Epistoler

Deadra Bowden

Server

Herman Hickman

Eucharistic Minister

Sheryl D. Belcher

Crucifer

Jaylen Caldwell

Oblation Bearers

Karen Castelli, Rachel Hall

Ushers

Cynthia Goines

Darnell Holmes

Patricia Cokley

AUGUST 2025 CALENDAR OF SERVICES, MEETINGS, & EVENTS

1 st (Friday)	Rector's Sermon Prep, Spiritual Direction, etc.	
	Columbia Laboratory Rehearsal	Nave 6:00pm-9:00pm
2 nd (Saturday)		
3 rd (Sunday)	The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost w/The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave
	Episcopal Church Women (ECW)	12:00pm (Youth Room)
4 th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
5 th (Tuesday)	Rector's meeting w/Wardens	5:30pm Rector's Office
6 th (Wednesday)	Fresh Start Ministry Advisory Committee	6:00pm Zoom
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm-7:30pm Hurley Music Room
7 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12:00noon The O'Neal Center
	AHF: Midlands SHAPE Members & Allies	11:30am-2:30pm Griffin Hall
8 th (Friday)	Rector's Sermon Prep, Spiritual Direction, etc.	
9 th (Saturday)	2 nd Saturday Feeding	12:00noon-1:00pm Griffin Hall Entrance
10 th (Sunday)	The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost w/The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am/Nave Blessing of the Backpacks; Prayer & Blessing for Educators & Adminstrators
11 th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
12 th (Tuesday)	Archives Committee	10:30am-1:00pm Archives Room
	Finance Committee	3:00pm-4:15pm Griffin Hall

13 th (Wednesday)	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm-7:30pm Hurley Music Room
14 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12:00noon The O'Neal Center
15 th (Friday)	Rector's Sermon Prep, Spiritual Direction, etc.	
16 th (Saturday)	Daughters of the King (DOK)	3:00pm Griffin Hall
17 th (Sunday)	The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost w/The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave
	Memorial Garden Committee	11:45am Griffin Hall
18 th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
19 th (Tuesday)	Vestry Meeting	6:00pm Griffin Hall
20 th (Wednesday)	Quilters & Crafters	10:30am Griffin Hall
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm-7:30pm Hurley Music Room
21 st (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12:00noon The O'Neal Center
22 nd (Friday)	Rector's Sermon Prep, Spiritual Direction, etc.	
	Columbia Laboratory Rehearsal	Nave 6:00pm-9:00pm
23 rd (Saturday)	4 th Saturday Feeding	12:00noon-1:00pm Griffin Hall Entrance
24 th (Sunday)	The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost w/The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave
25 th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
26 th (Tuesday)	Buildings & Grounds	5:30pm Griffin Hall
27 th (Wednesday)	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm-7:30pm

		Hurley Music Room
28 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12:00noon The O’Neal Center
29 th (Friday)	Rector’s Sermon Prep, Spiritual Direction, etc.	
30 th (Saturday)		
31 st (Sunday)	The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost w/The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave

SERMON NOTES/QUESTIONS/REFLECTIONS

MUSIC NOTES

“O Divine Redeemer”

Text & Music: Charles-François Gounod

A hymn of praise and supplication to Jesus Christ, the divine redeemer. The lyrics express the singer's need for God's mercy, protection and salvation in the face of danger and sin.

When Gounod (pronounced “Goo-no,” was semi-retired, enjoying the fruit of his labor, his 5-year-old grandson died. This tragedy filled Gounod with such grief that he turned once again to writing sacred music. In a final surge of creative energy, he pointed his art and his faith steadfastly in the direction of hope.

Gounod wrote the text (originally in French) in April 1893, six months before his death. Gounod composed a song he titled “Repentir,” which means “to repent,” with the subtitle “Scene in the Form of a Prayer.” We know it today as the beloved song “O Divine Redeemer.” It was one of his last compositions, and some consider it to be one of his last expressions of faith. The words captured his feelings as he mourned his grandson’s passing and as he approached the end of his own life. It is a prayer for forgiveness, a plea for mercy, a supplication for strength and a meditation on life:

Ah! Turn me not away,
Receive me tho' unworthy;
Hear Thou my cry,
Behold, Lord, my distress!
Answer me from thy throne
Haste Thee, Lord to mine aid,
Thy pity shew in my deep anguish!
Let not the sword of vengeance smite me,
Though righteous thine anger,
O Lord! Shield me in danger, O regard me!
On Thee, Lord, alone will I call.

O Divine Redeemer! O Divine Redeemer!
I pray Thee, grant me pardon,
and remember not, remember not my sins!
Forgive me, O Divine Redeemer!
Night gathers round my soul;
Fearful I cry to Thee;
Come to mine aid, O Lord!
Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me!
Hear my cry! Save me Lord in Thy mercy;
Come and save me, O Lord
Save, in the day of retribution,
From Death shield Thou me, O my God!
O Divine Redeemer, have mercy!
Help me, my Savior!

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“The Episcopal Church is a secret too well kept. Many are starved for what we experience daily and too easily take for granted. Invite others to come to your parish to experience this joy.”
Louie Crew, author of *101 Reasons to be Episcopalian*