

The Episcopal Church of the Messiah

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
4 October 2026 AD, 10:00 a.m.*

The Rev. Roy Tripp, Celebrant



Welcome! We warmly welcome all who join us in worship and invite you to join us afterwards for refreshments & fellowship in the Church Center. If you need pastoral care, reach out to Fr. Roy at RoyTripp@mac.com. If you would like the Intercessory Prayer Team to lift up yourself, family, friends, or circumstances fill out a prayer request card available on the shelves in the back of the church and place in the red box. All requests are confidential.

If this is your first visit, kindly complete a pew card, and drop it in the offering plate to stay connected with us.

The Hymnal is in the "pew back" in front of you. Feel free to quietly ask a neighbor for guidance if you are "lost" at any point during worship.



NOTES:

As Episcopalians, we are guided by the promises of the Baptismal Covenant. We promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being. Those promises call us not simply to tolerate one another, but to celebrate one another as beloved children of God.

In a time when our society is often marked by division, fear, and suspicion, the Church is called to be something different: a community where people encounter the reconciling love of God and discover that there is room for all of us at Christ's table.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Woodliff-Stanley' with a stylized cross symbol integrated into the initial 'R'.

The Rt. Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley
Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN *Praise to the living God (Leoni) (H 372) (H = Hymnal)*

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT OF PURITY

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

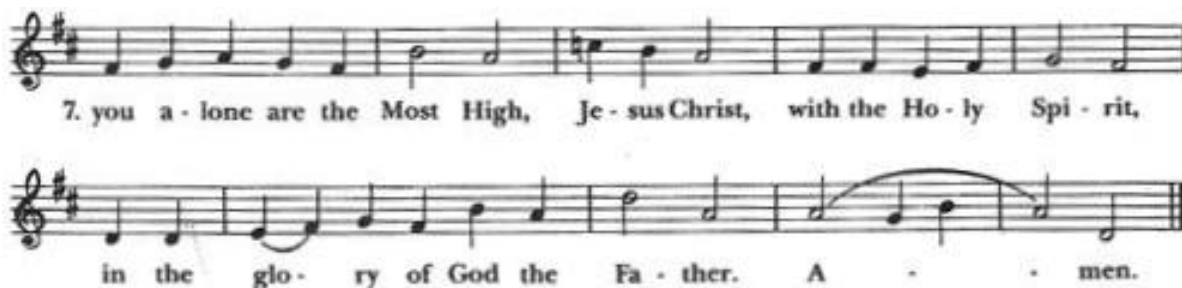
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

In unison: 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Near) (S 279)*



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,



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his
vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my
vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars
and thorns;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah

are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;

righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN *The stars declare his glory (Aldine) (H 431)*

The stars declare his glory;
the vault of heaven springs
mute witness of the Master's hand
in all created things,
and through the silences of space
their soundless music sings.

The dawn returns in splendor,
the heavens burn and blaze,
the rising sun renews the race
that measures all our days
and writes in fire across the skies
God's majesty and praise.
So shine the Lord's

commandments
to make the simple wise;
more sweet than honey to the
taste,
more rich than any prize,
a law of love within our hearts,
a light before our eyes.

So order too this life of mine,
direct it all my days;
the meditations of my heart
be innocence and praise,
my rock, and my redeeming Lord,
in all my words and ways.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE INTROIT *Help us, O Lord, to learn (St. Ethelwald) (H 628)*

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said,] ³³"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

SERMON

THE CREED

**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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

Celebrant: Dear Household of God, the law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul! So let us appeal to our Lord God, saying, "Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer."

Intercessor: Loving God, you command us to have no other gods before you: give your Church such singleness of mind that we might not be distracted by the rubbish of our lives, but may strive to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.

Silence.

Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,

People: *O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.*

Intercessor: Loving God, you command us to bear not false witness against others: Help us to live in peace with one another. In a world of harmful rhetoric, may we use our words to encourage and love – especially those whom we consider different.

Silence.

Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,

People: *O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.*

Intercessor: Loving God, you command us to keep a holy Sabbath: make us generous stewards of this planet that it may be renewed and refreshed.

Silence.

Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,

People: *O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.*

Intercessor: Loving God, you command us to covet nothing that belongs to our neighbor: give us kind and generous hearts for those with whom we share our neighborhoods. May a loving spirit rule this region.

Silence.

Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,

People: *O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.*

Intercessor: Loving God, you desire that your people be not afraid: Pour on the sick, suffering, and struggling the abundance of your mercy. Bless them with goodness and healing through Jesus the Christ.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,

People: *O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.*

Intercessor: Loving God, you have made us your own: may we, and those who have run the race of faith before us, attain the resurrection from the dead through the abundant mercy of your Son.

Silence.

Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,

People: ***O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.***

Intercessor: We pray for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, our presiding Bishop; Ruth, our bishop; for Roy, George and Jim, our clergy; for Charlie, our postulant; for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and for all the baptized who minister in your Name.

Silence.

Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,

People: ***O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.***

Intercessor: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Our Companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic; The Rt. Rev. Moisés Quezada Mota, Bishop Diocesan.

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for John Manley.

Silence.

Let the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight,

People: ***O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.***

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Celebrant and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Love, How Deep

Deo gracias, English Ballad Melody

(harmonized by Richard Proulx)

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake. Alleluia!

For us He prayed, for us He taught, for us His daily works He wrought,

By words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not Himself, but us. Alleluia!

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;

The Trinity, whom we adore for ever and for ever more. Amen. Alleluia!

- Latin, 15th century

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host:

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: 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.

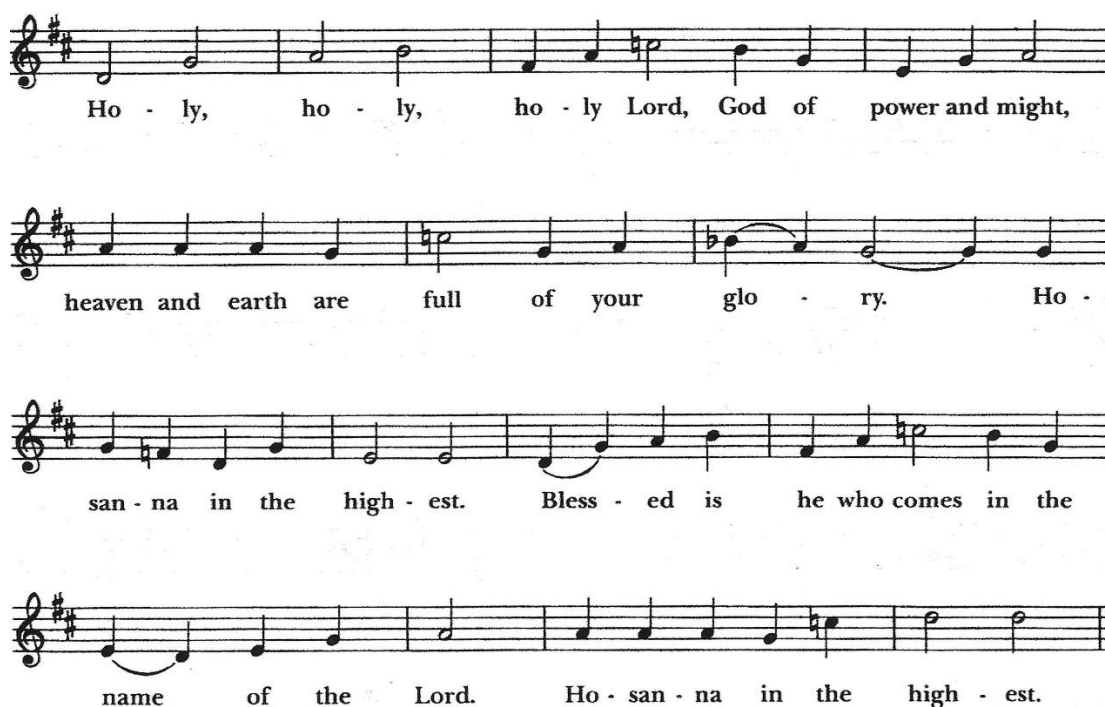
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS *Holy, holy, holy (Near) (S 131)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

The Celebrant continues.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,

healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
Broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
"Take, eat:
This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,

gave it to them, and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe you Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM *Jesus, Lamb of God (Near)* (S 166)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on

us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re-deem - er of the world: give us your peace.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Come to God's table where all are welcome.

We welcome everyone at God's table.

If you would prefer to come forward to receive a blessing in the place of the sacrament of bread or wine, simply cross your arms over your chest. Know that the grace of this Sacrament is fully present in both the bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

DISTRIBUTION

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN *My song is love unknown (Love Unknown)* (H 458)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

TAIZÉ - *In the Lord* (sung three times; please stand at the third verse)

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Dm C F B♭ C Dm C F

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -

C B♭ A 3 Dm C

joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

F B♭ C Am Dm B♭ C F *fine* Dm C

voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near. In the

fine *fine*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Christ is made the sure foundation (Westminster Abbey)* (H 518)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All are warmly invited to join us after worship
in our Church Center for fellowship and refreshments.



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W H O W E A R E

Vision Statement

The Church of the Messiah is an intentionally inclusive community called to love the Lord and to serve God's world in a spirit of reconciliation, hope, and healing.

Mission Statement

The Church of the Messiah follows Jesus through our liturgy and music while sharing the love of Jesus by serving the Myrtle Beach community.

The People of God are the ministers of this Church and are served by
The Bishop of South Carolina, the Right Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley,
and the Rev. Roy Tripp, Vicar.
They are also served by the Rev. George H. Welles, Jr.
and the Rev. James O. Craig III, Associates.

Our Vestry

Richard B. Stall, Sr. Warden
Monica Orosz, Jr. Warden
Kristi Burch, Member
Eileen Fairchild, Member
Chrissy Oppegaard, Member
Pat Patterson, Member

Peggy Kovacs, **Treasurer**

The Music Ministry is served by Dr. Charles Jones Evans.

The People of Messiah are also served by
Patty Tate, **Parish Secretary** & Chelsea Lesko, **Children's Leader**.

Love. Serve. Share.

THIS WEEK. . .

Today, 10:00 a.m., Worship in the Church

Today, 3:00, Blessing of the Animals, Hartsfield Place, MB 29577

(Off of Oleander, at the corner of 17 Bypass & 38th Ave N) (*details, p.20*)

No Children's Sunday School October 4 & October 11

Following worship, join us in the Church Center for refreshments and fellowship.

Monday, 12:00 noon, Lunch with the Vicar (*details p.18*)

Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., Jordan's Tuesday Evening Study (weekly)

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., Wednesday Women's Bible Study (weekly)

LOOKING AHEAD. . .

Monday, October 19, 5:00, Vestry Meeting

October, 29 – 31, 236th Annual Diocesan Convention (*details, p. 18*)

THOSE WHO SERVE. . .

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Vestry of the Day	Rick Stall	Chrissy Oppegaard
Altar Guild	David Hardin	David Hardin
Greeter	Billy Funderburke	Colin Burch
Readers	Linda Burney Peggy Schauer	Monica Orosz Eileen Fairchild
Intercessor	Ann Driscoll	Chrissy Oppegaard
Acolyte	David Hardin Deb Whitaker	David Hardin
Chalice Bearer	Deb Whitaker Eileen Fairchild	Monica Orosz Eileen Fairchild
Flower Guild	Ann Charles Jordan	Ann Charles Jordan
Refreshments	Cindy Craig	Kristi Burch
Live Stream	Karen Spink	Kristi Burch

INTERESTED IN THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION?**ALL ARE INVITED & ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

This is a perfect opportunity to see behind the scenes of the Diocese, it's role in the life of Messiah, and in the coastal region of SC.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Rick Stall & Kristi Burch are our Convention Delegates. Reach out to them with any questions.
- The Diocesan Convention will be held October 29-31, 2026 at the St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center on Seabrook Island with additional events hosted by St. John's, Johns Island and Bishop Gadsden's Seafields at Kiawah Island.
- Format includes worship, workshops, business and fellowship.
- Registration is open through October 17.

Visit the Convention webpage at:

www.episcopalchurchsc.org/diocesan-convention/236th-diocesanconvention/

LUNCH WITH THE VICAR

Join Fr Roy for lunch and discussions involving faith and life.

The next lunch with the Vicar will be **tomorrow, Monday, October 5th** at noon in the Church Center. No advanced reading needed. The focus will be Challenges & Opportunities for Growth through Moral and Ethical Decisions.

Come Monday. Trust me. You'll never look at a bridge the same.



Please bring your inquisitive minds, questions, and willingness to explore new perspectives (also bring a sandwich.)

CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE!

Thanks to everyone who updated or confirmed their information. The updated printed directories are available in the back of the church and in the Church Center. If you prefer a digital (pdf) version, send an email to office@MessiahMyrtleBeach.org.

NOTE: TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF ALL, THE DIRECTORY IS FOR USE BY CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY AND FOR CHURCH-RELATED PURPOSES ONLY.

Good People of Messiah:

A founding member of The Episcopal Church of the Messiah, George Mims, died August 25th. George and his wife, Cecilia, hosted our organizing meeting in their home in December, 2012. George was our first treasurer and was frequently heard or quoted saying “we need our own building” even in our earliest days of struggling to form the church.

George was struck by a car one dark February evening in 2018 as he walked through a parking lot on his way home. That incident launched years of medical treatments and physical therapy, which kept George and Cecilia absent from church.

In a visit with George not long ago, I told him of our efforts to raise funds to build our church home and he enthusiastically replied that he would contribute. His death intervened.

This is to invite your consideration of joining me in making a memorial contribution in George’s honor to our Building Messiah fund. Thank you for helping George’s fervent hope achieve an eventual reality!

Rick Stall

HOW TO GIVE

BY CHECK: On memo line, write – “Memorial - George Mims – Building Messiah.” Drop in offering plate, bring to office or mail.

BY CASH: Notate on envelope – “Memorial - George Mims – Building Messiah” and your name. Drop in offering plate or bring to office.

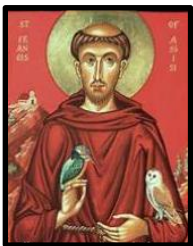
ONLINE: Go to messiahmyrtlebeach.org/donate and choose “follow link” under “online giving.” Then choose “Building Messiah Fund” and type “Memorial - George Mims” in the “memo” box.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS today at 3:00!

We celebrate St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day by honoring the companionship animals bring and giving thanks for God's creation.

Bring your beloved pets (vaccinated and leashed or in carrier) to the lot of our future home (Hartsfield Place, MB 29577) to receive a blessing. If logistics make it challenging to bring your pet, bring a photo.

All are welcome! Invite family, friends & neighbors.



The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, 13th-century Italian friar, patron of animals, and founder of the Franciscan religious order, is October 4.

All things of creation are children of the Father and thus brothers of man. ... God wants us to help animals, if they need help. Every creature in distress has the same right to be protected.

Francis of Assisi

For those who wish to help local animals in need, we are collecting items on the Grand Strand Humane Society's Wish List:

- Pedigree dry dog food – all sizes
- Pedigree canned, wet dog food*
- Purina One Smart Blend Dog Food
- Friskies Pate wet cat food*
- Purina Kitten Chow Nurture
- Purina Cat Chow Complete
- Fancy Feast/ Authority canned kitten food*
- Pet AG KMR > kitten milk replacement
- Greenies pill pockets
- Gift cards – Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Amazon, Chewy.com, PetSmart, etc.

Items may be brought to the Blessing of the Animals.



**IF IT IS RAINING AT NOON TODAY,
THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL SUN.,
OCT. 11 @ 3:00. SAME PLACE.**

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