

The Episcopal Church of the Messiah

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

The Rev. Jim Craig, 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 or plus sign 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: *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty (Nicaea) (H 362) (H = Hymnal)*

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT OF PURITY

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

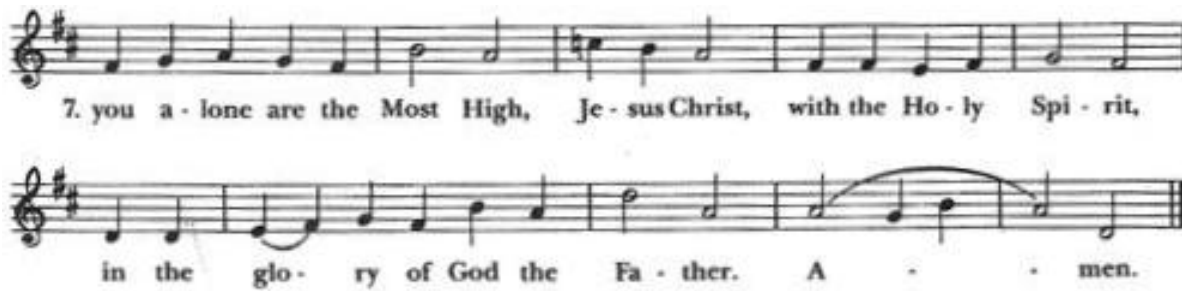
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him —
and the gates shall not be closed:

²"I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,

³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;

besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99 (*simplified chant*)

¹The Lord is King; let the people | tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth | shake.
²The Lord is great in | Zion; *
he is high above all | peoples.
³Let them confess his Name, which is great and | awesome; *
he is the | Holy One.
⁴"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established | equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in | Jacob."
⁵Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his | footstool; *
he is the | Holy One.
⁶Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his | Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he | answered them.
⁷He spoke to them out of the pillar of | cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he | gave them.
⁸O Lord our God, you answered them in- | -deed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil | deeds.
*The Lord is King; let the people | tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth | shake.
⁹Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy | hill; *
for the Lord our God is the | Holy One.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE INTROIT: *New songs of celebration render (Rendez à Dieu) (H 413, v. 1, 2)*

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE: *New songs of celebration render (Rendez à Dieu) (H 413, v. 3)*

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: Brothers and sisters, beloved by God: Grace to you and peace. Let us pray to the Holy One, saying, "Be gracious to us, O God; show us your mercy."

Intercessor: We always give thanks to you, O God, for the the Church, constantly remembering before you its work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. Inspire us by the Holy Spirit.

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

Be gracious to us, O God.

People: *Show us your mercy.*

Intercessor: Almighty God, make us more like your Son, Jesus, who did not regard people with partiality. May we love justice. May we be gracious with all people.

Silence.

Be gracious to us, O God.

People: *Show us your mercy.*

Intercessor: God our King, the earth shakes in your presence. All that is belongs not to us, but to you. May we be good stewards of all you have created.

Silence.

Be gracious to us, O God.

People: *Show us your mercy.*

Intercessor: Holy One, you answer those who call upon you. Hear the voices of the weak and wronged. May this city know and experience your presence.

Silence.

Be gracious to us, O God.

People: *Show us your mercy.*

Intercessor: Great Lord, give your people rest. Cover the sick and sorrowful with your healing hand. May the lonely and forgotten find favor in your sight.

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

Be gracious to us, O God.

People: *Show us your mercy.*

Intercessor: Living God, you have rescued the dying and dead from the coming wrath through the death and resurrection of your Christ. May our voices blend with theirs as they proclaim your greatness and worship around your throne forever.

Silence.

Be gracious to us, O God.

People: ***Show us your mercy.***

Intercessor: For the Church in all places, its members and our mission in the world; for this congregation; for Roy, George and Jim, our clergy; for Charlie, our postulant; for Ruth, our bishop; for Sean, our presiding Bishop; and for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury;

Silence.

Be gracious to us, O God.

People: ***Show us your mercy.***

Intercessor: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Canada.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, St. Stephen; The Rev. Dan Clarke, Supply Priest; Mr. Scott Sauls, Sr. Warden.

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Pat McGuire.

Silence.

Be gracious to us, O God.

People: ***Show us your mercy.***

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.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Praise the Lord **Adrian Batten (1591-1637)**

O praise the Lord, all ye heathen, praise him all ye nations.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us:

And the truth of the Lord endureth for ever and ever. Amen.

- Psalm 117

The offertory provides an opportunity to reflect on how we express our gratitude to God: with time, treasure, talents and testimony. Thank you for your monetary and non-monetary support of Messiah.

For online giving:



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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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: *O for a closer walk with God (Beatitudo)* (H 683)

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: *All my hope on God is founded (Michael) (H 665)*

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.



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.

CALENDAR

10.18.26

THIS WEEK. . .

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

Today, 10:00 a.m., Child Care & Children's Program in the Church Center

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

Monday, 5:00, Vestry Meeting, Church Center

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

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

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal (weekly)

LOOKING AHEAD. . .

October 29 – 31, 236th Annual Diocesan Convention

November 1, All Saints Day, 10:00 a.m. Worship

November 22, Thankful Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Worship

THOSE WHO SERVE. . .

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Vestry of the Day	Monica Orosz	Eileen Fairchild
Altar Guild	Tracy Cobb	Donna Wiggin
Greeter	Tom Vanderford	Charlie Myers
Readers	Linda Burch Gay Cook	Ann Driscoll Eileen Fairchild
Intercessor	Peggy Schauer	Karen Spink
Acolyte	David Hardin Deb Whitaker	David Hardin Deb Whitaker
Chalice Bearer	Deb Whitaker Monica Orosz	Deb Whitaker Pat Patterson
Flower Guild	Monica Orosz	Ann Charles Jordan
Refreshments	Tracy Cobb	Chelsea & Woody
Live Stream	Monica Orosz	Cindy Craig

VICAR AWAY

Fr. Roy will be away from Tuesday, October 13 through Thursday, October 22. While he's away, Fr. Jim Craig will be available for pastoral care needs and will be the celebrant for worship on October 18.

Rick Stall (Sr. Warden), Monica Orosz (Jr. Warden), and Patty Tate (Parish Secretary) can be reached for any assistance other than pastoral care.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

The weekly newsletter of the Diocese of South Carolina is filled with a variety of stories and information:

- Upcoming events within our diocese and within The Episcopal Church.
- Upcoming opportunities for growth and leadership.
- Highlights of recent events, both local and national.
- Heartwarming stories.
- And much more...

To sign-up to receive the newsletter, go to:

<https://episcopalchurchsc.org/newsletter/> and complete the very short form.

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.

All Saints' Sunday

REMEMBRANCE

OF THE DEPARTED

As is our custom, we will remember the Faithful Departed on All Saints Sunday, November 1st.

To have the name of your loved one who has passed since November 1st of 2025, read aloud and remembered please share their name by Monday, October 26.

You may either:

1. email the office at office@MessiahMyrtleBeach.org with their first and last names.
2. write their first and last names on the clipboards in the back of the church and in the Church Center.

What Is All Saints' Day?

Commemorates all saints, known and unknown, on Nov. 1. One of the seven principal feasts of the church year, and one of four days recommended for baptisms.

LEARNING TO LOVE AND SHARE JESUS

Children's Program
September 20, 2026



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Today, our children had a special opportunity to learn about sharing the love of Jesus with others. They decorated their very own shirts with colorful handprints, crosses, hearts, and the words "I love JESUS" as a reminder that we can carry God's love with us wherever we go. Through this fun activity, we talked about how our words, actions, and kindness can help us share the Gospel with the people around us. Each shirt is a little expression of their faith and a reminder to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." — Mark 16:15

Wear your faith. Share His love. Spread the Gospel.

LEARNING IS A LIFE-LONG ENDEAVOR

George Dowis, Bishop
Ruth, Charlie Jordan
at Sewanee's
Homecoming
Banquet



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