



# the Messenger

Charleston, South Carolina *The Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion* May 2021

## FROM OUR RECTOR

Throughout the weeks of Easter, we have had the opportunity to hear, read and study the scripture lections from The Acts of the Apostles. And likewise, in this Eastertide, we hear from St. John's Gospel, making it clear that our Lord has called us to live differently than non-believers. There is a rather strong idea of what could be called a "Resurrection" life," that comes with strong expectations. In fact, there has been from the beginning, and always will be, that the Church must be vigilant of the influence of culture. The Church, through Word and example, offers something that the culture cannot...and that is the saving mercy and grace of Jesus Christ.

That being said, it is all the more perplexing to me, when those in the Church are anxious and willing for the culture to influence the Church's worship. I am speaking in broad terms here. But, none-the-less, it seemed like our upcoming Ascensiontide might be an appropriate time to take a moment to reflect on what worship is about.

Several years ago, a friend forwarded an article to me, from *The State* newspaper by AP Religion writer, Eric Gorski. The first sentence read "If American religion is a spiritual shopping center, denominations that once dominated the market are in danger of being boarded up." Several paragraphs down, Mr. Gorski quotes The Rev. Eileen Lindner, a Presbyterian minister and editor, who says, "As with most things, for Americans, religion is a consumer product, so it's not brand loyalty you can rely on. It's marketing, location, and other things."

Maybe, like various novelties.

It appears that our culture has reduced worship of the true and living God, and thusly, God Himself, to a consumer commodity. But before we wag a finger at our culture, do not

discount the effect and pressure it subtly places on our own actions.

There is no doubt that attendance at corporate worship is, at least partially, a motivation of our individual needs, whether they be social, intellectual, psychological/emotional or religious. It would be unjust and unreasonable to condemn all self-regarding motivations that lead us to common worship. A problem develops, however, if our attendance at Mass starts to be all about us. If worship becomes something we can decide to pick and choose from amongst other options - just another commodity that we might consume, based on our own, perceived notions of needs and desires, we are missing the point.

In this age driven by consumerism, when neither duty, nor social convention, nor loyalty, impels us to church, when Sunday affords innumerable competing attractions of recreation and entertainment, we must be diligent to know where and how to place our focus. As always, it is best directed away from ourselves.

Attendance at mass is about the worship of Almighty God. The beginning and end of our worship is awareness of God. Worship both in its contents and its conduct, is a disclosure of God, of His existence and power, His character and His demands. Every thought, word and gesture in worship celebrates the majesty of *His* being, not ours.

God, in His love for us, always takes the initiative, He is "always more ready to hear than we are to pray," and is "wont to give more, than either we desire or deserve." God takes the initiative towards us in our worship not only because He loves us, but also because He has expectation of us. "He cometh with righteousness to judge the world and the peoples with his truth." (*Venite, BCP Morning Prayer I*)

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While he  
blessed them,  
he parted  
from them,  
and was  
carried up  
into heaven.

Luke 24:51



This inescapable certainty of God's judgment imparts to worship both its necessity and its urgency. It also preserves worship from all pretense and fabrication - unto God "all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid." (*Collect for Purity, BCP Holy Eucharist I*) We go to worship to see God lifted up in word and sacrament, in the visible love of His Body, the Church. The more clearly, we see Him there, the more dearly we love Him there. And through that love, our lives are conformed more and more to His image and likeness.

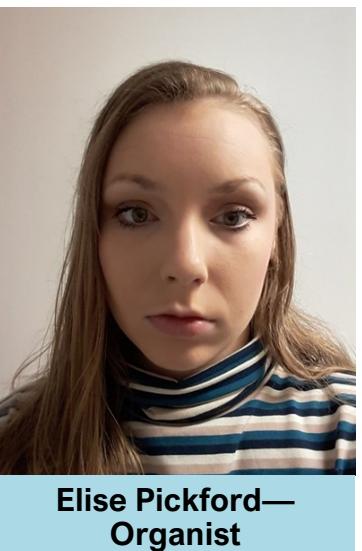
Worship is not just another commodity that we may choose to gratify some desire, it is where we are "made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him."

Father Richardson+

## You Are Invited to a Welcome Drop-By



Tierrhane Huff—  
Music Director



Elise Pickford—  
Organist

## Come Meet and Greet Our New Music Team Sunday, May 9, 2021 after the 9:15 Worship Service

We are excited about the formation of a new era of music at Church of the Holy Communion. Music Director, Tierrhane Huff, has been a member of our choir since 2015. She has a Master's Degree in Choral Education, and is currently working on her Doctorate in Educational Leadership at Liberty University. Tierrhane has performed with the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra, Charleston Jazz Orchestra, and Singers of Summerville. She has also performed for Piccolo Spoleto as a featured soloist. Tierrhane resides in Summerville, where she teaches elementary music at William Reeves Elementary School. She is engaged to Branden Goodwin and is looking forward to her wedding in September 2021.

Our Organist, Elise Pickford, is a rising senior at the College of Charleston, double majoring in Business Administration and Music Performance. She has been a student of the organ for five years, and currently studies with Dr. Julia Harlow. She is excited for the opportunity to be Holy Communion's next organist, and is looking forward to meeting our congregation and serving in worship with each of us.

Please join us after the 9:15 Worship Service on Sunday May 9, 2021 to welcome these talented musicians into our church family. Many thanks to members of the Search Committee for their dedication to continuing the rich musical tradition of our Anglo-Catholic heritage: Sharon Dean, Martin Gramling, Justin Nelson, Father Richardson, and Chris Jennings.

**In this age of technology**  
more and more information is being disseminated through email.  
**Please be on the lookout for important information from the Church Office**, you don't want to miss anything! Everything from the New Adult Sunday School Podcasts, Mass updates and What's Happening within the Diocese will be coming your way!

### Don't forget to check your email!!!

Also, those of us who know parishioners who do not have email please give them a call and **Share the News!**



### 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.

### VESTRY MEMBERS:

Christine Jennings,  
Sr. Warden  
Mark Gould, Jr. Warden  
Sue Cavanaugh, 21  
Martin Gramling, 21  
Patricia Henley, 21  
Jan Schumann, 21  
Michael Jones, 22  
Roy Schmarkey, 22  
Skip Schumann, 22  
Morey Lent, 23

### VESTRY PERSONS OF THE DAY FOR MAY:

May 2 (Easter V)  
Christine Jennings and Mark Gould

May 9 (Easter VI)

Sue Cavanaugh and Martin Gramling

May 16 (Sunday after Ascension Day)

Patricia Henley and Michael Jones

May 23 (Pentecost)

Roy Schmarkey and Jan Schumann

May 30 (Trinity Sunday)

Morey Lent and Skip Schumann

### CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION LEADERSHIP & STAFF

The Rev. Jeffrey R. Richardson, Rector  
The Rev. Jerry J. Jellico, Deacon  
Clara D. Godshall, Choirmaster/Organist  
Dorothy Holland, Youth/Children's Minister  
Mary Neale Berkaw, Coordinator of Altar Guild Ministries  
Stephanie Jellico, Parish Administrator

### HOLY COMMUNION'S DAY SCHOOL STAFF

Stephanie Jellico, Day School Director  
Cappy Traywick, Day School Committee Chairperson  
Belinda Dymek, Day School Teacher  
Beth McKie, Day School Teacher  
Emily Mills, Day School Teacher  
Lisa Clarke, Teaching Assistant  
Katherine King, Teaching Assistant  
Conner Caraman, Teaching Assistant

We do not have a maid...

Remember: when something is used, please clean it and return it to its right place. Too many items have been used and left for others to clean, this includes kitchen articles.

We have no maid.

### VESTRY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

**Christian Education:** Skip Schumann  
**Communications/Website:** Mike Jones

**Vestry Person of the Day, Ushers, Greeters:** Patricia Henley & Roy Schmarkey

**Outreach:** Mike Jones & Jerry Jellico  
**Parish Life/Hospitality:** Roy Schmarkey, Lisa Covington & Sharon Dean

**Pastoral Care:** Sharon Dean

**Young Adults:** Martin Gramling

**Inreach:** Jan Schumann & Mike Jones

**Finances:** Sue Cavanaugh

**Stewardship:** Morey Lent & Patricia Henley

# HOLY COMMUNION PODCAST CLUB

*...like a book club, but for podcasts!*

The CHC Podcast Club  
might be on break from their podcasts,  
but they are not on break from their ministry.

CHC Podcast Club is coordinating a **SERVICE PROJECT** in  
**May to help the residents of Joseph Floyd Manor.**

The service project consists of two parts: (1) hosting a picnic at the Manor for the residents on Saturday, May 29th at 4:00, and (2) raising money to purchase picnic tables for the residents.

For the picnic, we will need grocery items and volunteers. Children are welcome and encouraged to come. The SignUpGenius is available here (more detailed information is posted on that site): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080848a5ad29a2f94-holy2>

We have created a GoFundMe to raise funds for the picnic tables: <https://gofund.me/57096a65>. Donations may also be made by check made out to The Church of the Holy Communion with "Joseph Floyd Manor" noted on the memo line.

If you would like to contribute cash, please contact [LaurenJSchumann@gmail.com](mailto:LaurenJSchumann@gmail.com). Please invite any friends, family, or members of the community who may enjoy the opportunity to serve!

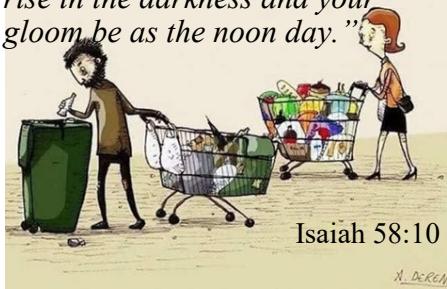
**The next CHC Food Pantry is  
Saturday, May 8th!!!**

Please consider coming at 7a.m.  
to help bag & distribute!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the **CHC Food Pantry** in **April!** We truly cannot do this without you. Thank you: Father Jeff, Mark Gould, Skip Schumann and Anne Louise, Dawn Balsam, Janet Gallagher, Tim Carswell, John Ettling and Morey Lent, and to all of you who have supported the Food Pantry Ministry with non-perishable food items and monetary donations.

Please contact Deacon Jerry at  
843-751-8108 or  
[jerico@knology.net](mailto:jerico@knology.net)

*"If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noon day."*



Isaiah 58:10

N. DEREK

**The Rev. Cn. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley  
Elected XV Bishop of the Diocese of  
South Carolina**



*From the Diocese of SC website:*

The Reverend Canon Ruth M. Woodliff—Stanley was elected [Saturday, May 1] to be the fifteenth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina during a Special Meeting of Convention held for the purposes of the election. Once consecrated in October, Bishop-elect Woodliff-Stanley will be the first female to serve as bishop in the more than 200-year history of the historic diocese.

Raised and ordained in Mississippi, Woodliff-Stanley has served as rector of a parish, as canon on the staffs of two bishops of The Episcopal Church, and also in church-wide ministry focused on stewardship of finances and property. She is married to Nathan Woodliff-Stanley and they have two adult sons. In closing her remarks to the Convention, the bishop-elect expressed her pure joy in being elected to lead the Diocese of South Carolina. “This is a moment of pure, unabashed joy. I cannot wait to be with you!”

(please refer to: <http://www.episcopalchurchsc.org/news-blog/the-rev-cn-ruth-woodliff-stanley-elected-xv-bishop-of-the-diocese-of-south-carolina>)

Building Committee hard at work!

Thanks to Mark Gould and Michael Jones for cleaning off the flat roofs and pulling the vines off the top floor windows.



## ***Scenes from Holy Week and Easter Sunday...***

*Altar of Repose.*



*Empty Tomb center piece,  
provided by Sue Cavanaugh.*



*Flowering of the cross...*



# SUNDAY Social

Join us for light refreshments at the Sunday Social after Mass.

## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday to...

- 5/4 Blakely Nash Boltin
- 5/5 Ivor Covington
- 5/13 Patricia Henley
- 5/18 Sam Covington, Jr.
- 5/18 Daniel Workman
- 5/22 Sue Cavanaugh
- 5/23 Ross Corlett
- 5/27 Paul Andrews
- 5/27 Victoria Orander
- 5/28 John Ettling
- 5/28 English Calhoun Walpole

### Happy Anniversary to...

- 5/3 Tania & Keith McElveen
- 5/5 Molly Pratt & Baird Mallory
- 5/16 Lauren & Bryce Hilton
- 5/20 Catherine & Thomas Cox
- 5/25 Tori & Michael Jones

**THE MESSENGER**  
Newsletter information  
is due the 20th each month.  
Please send information  
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**The children of the atrium celebrated the Liturgy of the Light and received the Light of Christ.**

Sunday atrium above, Day School below.



### Prayers of the People

Please join us in praying for the following:

We most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor...  
Barbara, Nathlyn, John, Monica, Christian, Sarah, Brad, Shirley, Mary, Katie, Sue, Ford, Betty, Lucia, Bob, Michael, Ariel, Bill, Janice, Billy, Anna, Millie, Maffett, Krista, Susan, Ruth, Caryl-Sue, Leslee, Jen, Cathy, Nick, Deanna, Lila, Hank, Kevin ...  
and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, in thy mercy, Hear our prayer.

We celebrate with and extend our congratulations to Sean & Jaellene Jellico on the birth of their son, Carson Nicholas, April 12, 2021.

Grandparents are Jerry & Stephanie.



We pray for the family of Paul and Linda Andrews and the death of his sister, Frances Campbell, who died on April 11, 2021

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May her soul and the soul of all the faithful departed rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them.