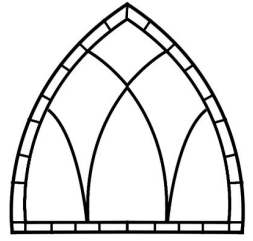


THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER Shelby, NC



Sunday, August 25th, 2024: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

We use two books during services. The Book of Common Prayer (red) and the Hymnal (blue). The Hymnal is in two parts. The first hymns (service music) begin with the letter S followed by numbers. Standard hymns are second and listed only by numbers.

Opening Voluntary

Processional Hymn

Morning has Broken

Hymnal 8

The Word of God

Opening Prayers

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Gloria in Excelsis

Hymnal S236 or see insert

The Collect

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory 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.*

Please sit

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

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Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be to God



Psalm 34:15-22

(Italics: repeat 2nd half of melody)

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the / righteous, *
and his ears are open to their / cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against those who do / evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the / earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord / hears them *
and delivers them from all their / troubles.

18 The Lord is near to the broken- /hearted *
and will save those whose spirits are / crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the / righteous, *
but the Lord will deliver him out of them / all.

20 He will keep safe all his /bones; *
not one of them shall be / broken.

21 Evil shall slay the / wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be / punished.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his / servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in / him.

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be to God

Sequence Hymn

All who hunger

See Insert

The Gospel Reading: John 6:56-69

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Bread Season

See insert

The Confession

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The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

Offertory Hymn

I am the bread of life

Hymnal 335

Presentation Hymn

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Hymnal 380 vs 3

The Holy Communion

Please come forward to the Altar Rail. You may choose to come to the Pulpit side of the rail and sip from the chalice, or to the lectern side and your bread will be dipped for you. If you need gluten free, please tell us when you come up. Our wine contains alcohol; if you do not want any, please just cross your arms across your chest before the chalice gets to you.

Eucharistic Prayer EOW 3

See insert

The Lord's Prayer

See insert

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion Meditation

Post Communion Prayer

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Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Now thank we all

Hymnal 397

Closing Voluntary

Please join us for coffee after the service!

Servers: Aug 25

Ushers

Dick Baker leader

Donna Logan

Jane Wood

Crucifer

Judy Hopkins

1st Reading

Donna Logan

2nd Reading

Kristine Willis

1st Chalice

Judy Hopkins

2nd Chalice

Kristine Willis

Altar Guild

Bea Lutz