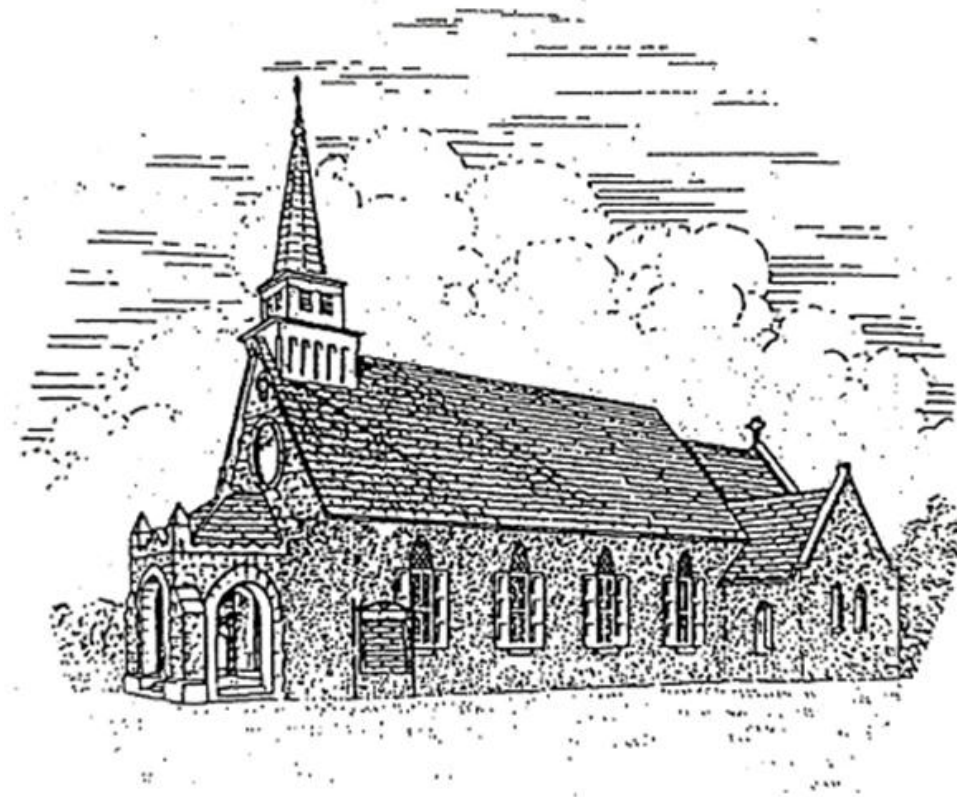




## HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

+ *Hope Always* +



Hope Episcopal Church  
Mt. Hope, Pennsylvania

### *Blessing of the Backpacks*

September 14, 2025 10:00 AM

The Rev'd Bradley L. Mattson, Rector

The Rev'd Nancy Leshner, Deacon

## WELCOME TO HOPE CHURCH

We are a community gathered together in the name of Jesus in the Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, we are so glad you are joining us for worship, community, and fellowship.

Please take a moment to go through the announcements in the bulletin, and familiarize yourself with the many ways there are to connect with us in worship, music, creation care, Bible study, outreach, GriefShare, and regional youth ministry.

We hope that you will find something in our church that speaks to you. Should you have any questions, or like to learn more, let's have a conversation. Please either call the church office at 717-665-6311 or email us at [office@hopeepiscopal.org](mailto:office@hopeepiscopal.org).

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit +Romans 15:13*

## THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS *(also known as Holy Cross Day)*

Holy Cross Day, also known as the Exaltation of the Holy Cross or Triumph of the Cross, is observed annually on September 14th by various Christian denominations, including Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans, and Lutherans.

The day commemorates two significant events in Christian history:

- **Discovery of the True Cross:** This event is significant as it symbolizes the finding of the cross on which Jesus was crucified.
- **Dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre:** The church, built over the site of Christ's crucifixion and burial, was dedicated in 335 AD.

The Feast of the Holy Cross commemorates the True Cross. On September 13, 335, the Constantinian Basilica over the Holy Sepulchre was consecrated in Jerusalem. The day after the church's consecration, the relic of the cross was shown ("exalted") the first time to the people for veneration. Later, the feast was also associated with the commemoration of the recovery of the Holy Cross by Emperor Heraclius on September 13, 628.

Holy Cross Day offers a profound moment to reflect on how the cross calls us to radical love, self-giving, and solidarity with the suffering. It's not just about venerating a relic, but about embodying the way of Christ in our own communities.

## CHILDREN

Children are always welcome at Hope Church. Jesus wanted the little children to come to him, and children's voices and presence are an important part of our worship here at Hope Church.

To be added to our mailing list, please fill out a pew card, place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. You may also fill this out online by using the QR code.



Scan the QR Code below to check our more information about the Hope Always 175th Anniversary Campaign



Scan here for The Big Way of Love children's resources for following Jesus:



# Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## HOLY EUCHARIST II

The symbol ☩ indicates when to stand if able.

The symbol ✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross.

Prelude

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Wihla Hutson

Welcome + Good News & Announcements

### THE WORD OF GOD

☩ Processional Hymn

#423 - “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

#### Opening Hymn

Christians often begin their services of worship with music. The opening hymn gives us an opportunity to raise our voices in song while worship servers and clergy process into the sanctuary following the cross. It allows us to enter into worship together as a community.

Playground

Donations received  
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Wesley to date

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1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise,  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

### ✠The Acclamation

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

### ✠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.

### ✠The Gloria



1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb  
2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will bow be - fore his throne  
3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live;  
4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb

we will glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.  
we will wor - ship him in right - eous - ness, we will wor - ship him a - lone.  
he is Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all praise to him we give.  
hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

### ✠The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant*

**O** God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Collect for Purity

Christians have prayed this prayer for more than a thousand years. It is a prayer that orients our hearts and minds to God and prepares us for the praise and thanksgiving that is at the heart of our worship. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit we ask to be transformed so that our lives, our love, and all of our worship may reveal the glory of God and our love for the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

### The Collect of the Day

This prayer gathers together the scriptural themes of the readings and the season. The collect follows a consistent pattern: We address God, naming something about God's nature (i.e., Almighty God); we ask God to work in a particular area of human living; and we acknowledge that we ask all of these things in the name of Jesus.

## The Lessons

The next portion of the liturgy focuses on the readings of Holy Scripture that are appointed for the day. The readings have a thematic unity that ties together the message of the Old and New Testaments.

## The Lessons

*The congregation may be seated for the readings.*

### First Lesson

*Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28*

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

**A**t that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse~ a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish,  
they do not know me;  
they are stupid children,  
they have no understanding.  
They are skilled in doing evil,  
but do not know how to do good."  
I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;  
and to the heavens, and they had no light.  
I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,  
and all the hills moved to and fro.  
I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,  
and all the birds of the air had fled.  
I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,  
and all its cities were laid in ruins  
before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn,  
and the heavens above grow black;

for I have spoken, I have purposed;  
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalter *A Song of Praise*

Lector: We will read the Psalm responsively.

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." \*  
**All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.**
- 2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, \*  
**to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after God.**
- 3 Every one has proved faithless;  
all alike have turned bad; \*  
**there is none who does good; no, not one.**
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \*  
**who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call upon the Lord?**
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, \*  
**because God is in the company of the righteous.**
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \*  
**but the Lord is their refuge.**
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! \*  
**when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.**

## The Epistle

Lector A Reading from first Timothy

**I** am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners~ of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 14

## The Psalter

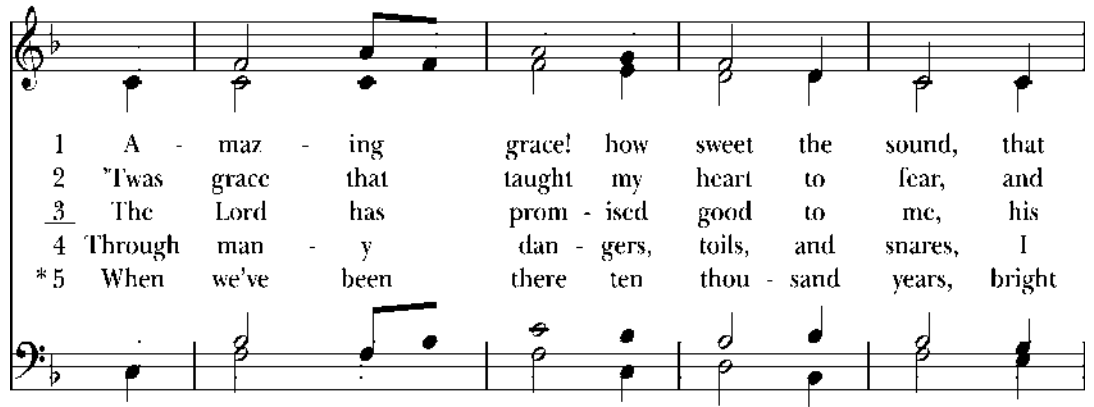
The Psalter, or the Book of Psalms, is the great song book of the People of God. In Jewish and Christian worship these hymns or songs are ordinarily sung and many of them form the lyrics of hymns in our hymnals. At each celebration of Holy Eucharist we read one of the Psalms, or a portion of a Psalm, that is selected to reinforce the theme of the lessons for the day.

1 Timothy 1:12-17

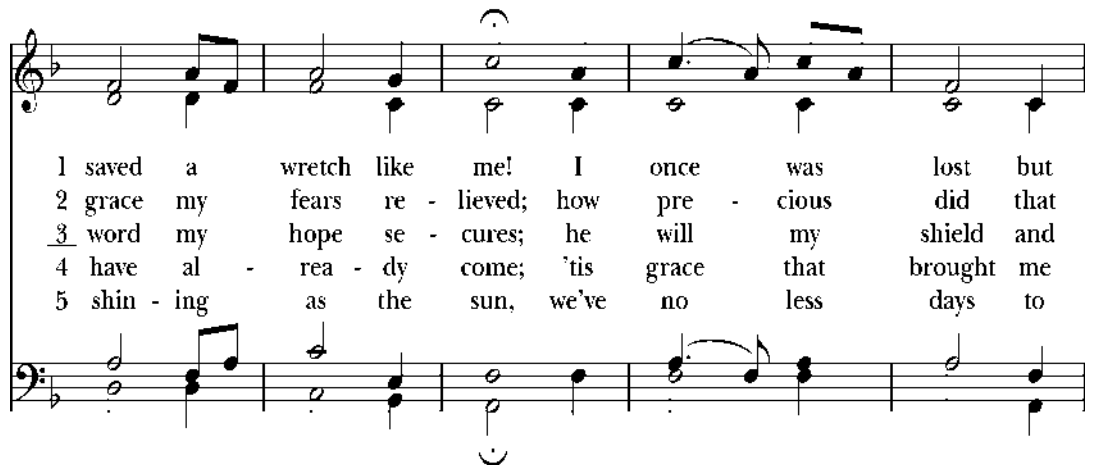
♣ Gradual Hymn

#671 - "Amazing Grace"

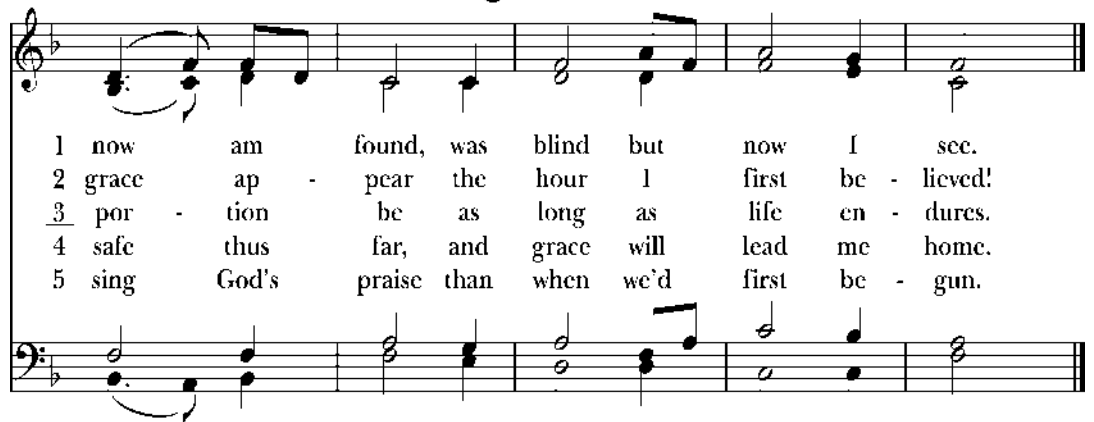
Congregation stands.



1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## ✠The Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

*Celebrant*     The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Luke. ✠✠✠

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

**A**ll the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Leshner

## The Gospel

We customarily stand and face the Gospel Book as the Gospel of the Lord is read. It is a sign that the Word of the Lord is living and we honor its presence among us.

## The Sermon

The purpose of the sermon is to help us understand the meaning of the word of God in Scripture and to make it real in our lives.



## The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed has been used by Christians of all traditions for over 1700 years and reminds us of the basics of our faith. The Creed is not a definition of Christianity, but briefly states the essentials of Christian teaching. We say it together to respond to the Word of God in the Scriptures and the sermon. We are saying in effect, "Yes! This is the faith that we believe and live!"

## ✠The Nicene Creed

*To be read in unison.*

**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.**

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

*Celebrant*

Loving and eternal God, you formed us in love, placed us in community, and called us to bear witness in every generation. Hear our prayers, and lead us ever deeper into the mystery of your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Silence*

### **The Absolution**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **✠The Peace**

*Deacon*           The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
*People*           **And also with you.**

### **The Offertory**

*The offering will be taken at this time.*

*Please take this time to make an offering to Hope Church:*

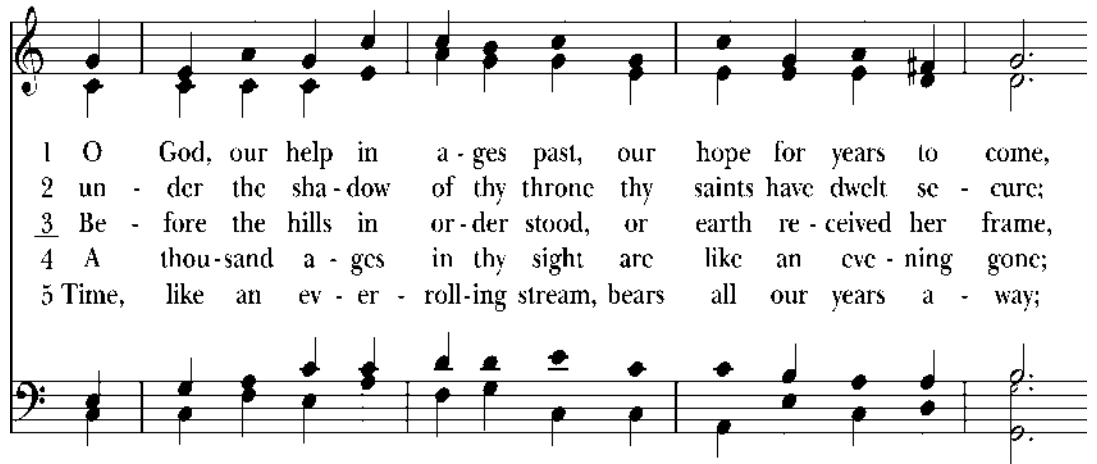
- 1. Online: <https://hopeepiscopal.breezechms.com/give/online> or scan the QR code in the margin of your bulletin*
- 2. Text: "[AMOUNT]" to (717) 999-5991 to make a donation to the General Fund. If it is your first time using text giving, you will receive a link by return text to complete the donation.*
- 3. Offering plate: cash or a check payable to "Hope Episcopal Church". You may designate any ministry in the 'memo' line.*

*Thank you very much for your contribution to advance the mission of Hope Episcopal Church! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*

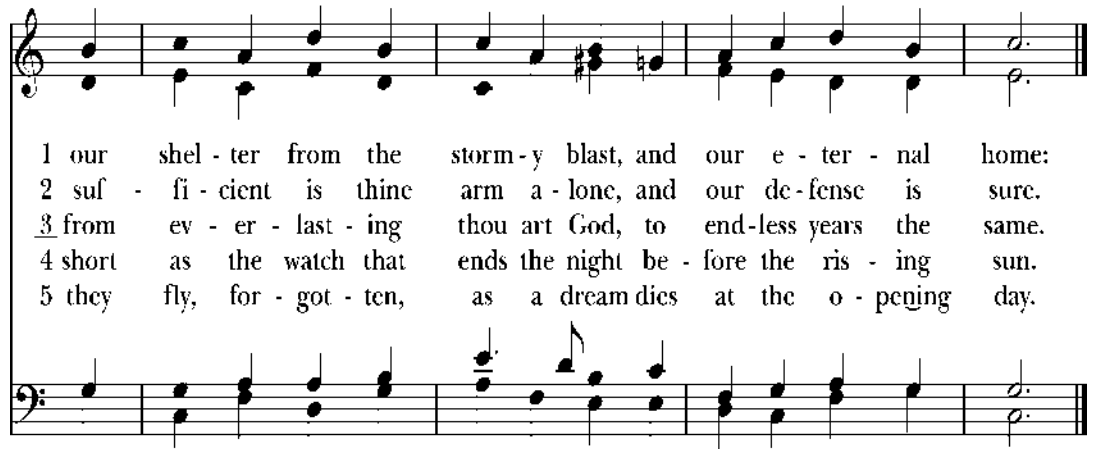
### **The Peace**

After the Prayers of the People, the Priest extends Christ's peace to the congregation and the congregation shares the peace with one another. The Peace is real and also symbolic. It is real because in the forgiveness of our sins we are restored to Christ's peace. It is also the way we remind ourselves that because we have received the gift of God's forgiveness we can and must be reconciled to one another.





1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,  
 and our eternal home.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Doxology

*The congregation stands*

**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.**

*Celebrant* All things come from you, O God.

*People* **And of your own have we given you.**

## ✠The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*The people stand.*

## The Sursum Corda

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:

## The Holy Communion or Holy Eucharist

Eucharist means “thanksgiving.” This celebration of thanksgiving with its bread and wine is at the heart of the Christian faith. The Eucharist can also be called Holy Communion, the Lord’s Supper, or the Mass. In Holy Eucharist Christians give thanks for the gift of salvation given to us in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ Jesus and the gift of new life that comes from it.

## Gathering Together for the Meal of Christ

**Offertory:** At the beginning of the Eucharist we offer gifts to God, which are really just a return of the gifts God has given us—bread and wine for the Lord’s Supper, our financial gifts, and our lives.

**Ablutions:** The Priest comes to the front of the altar and wash his or her hands. This symbolic washing cleanses the Priest on behalf of all of the People so that we might all come to the holy meal refreshed. It is a reference to Psalm 26:6-12 which starts, “I wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession around your altar.”

**Sursum Corda:** Literally, “we lift up our hearts.” Here in the *Sursum Corda* the People affirm that they have turned wholeheartedly to God.

**Sanctus:** Sanctus means “holy.” We sing this hymn that the angels and archangels sing in heaven as a reminder that our worship here is an echo of the heavenly worship of God (Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8).

## ♣ Sanctus - Holy, Holy, Holy

*The people kneel or stand.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

might, heav'n and earth are filled with 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and people*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. ✠

## **Praise for the Work of God the Father**

Preface: The opening prayer of the Eucharist is a prayer of blessing, praising God and giving thanks for his mercy to us. This opening prayer of blessing ends with a section that refers to the death and resurrection of Christ and focuses our prayers for the remainder of the liturgy.

## **Praise for the Work of God the Son**

The next portion of the prayer of thanksgiving remembers the gift of salvation that came through Jesus Christ. It is followed by the Institution, the words of Jesus that explained the bread and the wine to His disciples at the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-28).

## **Praise for the Work of God the Holy Spirit**

This prayer asks that the Holy Spirit be present and bless and sanctify the bread and wine so that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. It also asks for blessings on the People that we might be holy. At the end of the prayers the People say, "Amen" which means, "So be it," or "So it is."

### The Lord's Prayer

The last prayer of the Eucharist is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. The Priest and the People say it together (Matthew 6:9-13).

### Breaking of Bread

The Priest breaks the bread so that it might be shared among the People. It is seen as a symbol of the breaking of Christ's body on the cross and an invitation to each of us to enter into the life of Christ.

### The Communion

In 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17, St. Paul says, "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread". In receiving Communion week after week, Christians are sacramentally united with Christ in His life, death, and resurrection.

## ✠The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray,  
Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,

Our Father, who art in heaven,	Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
hallowed be thy Name,	santificado sea tu nombre;
thy kingdom come,	venga tu reino;
thy will be done,	hágase tu voluntad
on earth as it is in heaven.	en la tierra como en el cielo.
Give us this day our daily bread.	Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
And forgive us our trespasses,	Perdona nuestras ofensas,
as we forgive those	como también nosotros perdonamos
who trespass against us.	a los que nos ofenden.
And lead us not into temptation,	No nos dejes caer en la tentación
but deliver us from evil.	y líbranos del mal.
For thine is the kingdom,	Porque tuyo es el reino,
and the power, and the glory,	el poder y la gloria,
for ever and ever. Amen.	ahora y por siempre. Amén.

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.  
*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the people of God.

### Communion

*Communion is received at the altar rail. All are invited to receive communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

### The Prayer of Spiritual Reception of the Sacrament

*Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.*

### Music During Communion

# Post Communion Hymn

#325 - "Let Us Break Bread Together"

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*  
 when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*  
 when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

## The Thanksgiving

*The congregation stands*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

In this prayer of thanksgiving for the gifts of grace we are given in the Communion we ask God to send us out into the world as ambassadors of the good news of the Gospel. It is important to remember that the gifts we have been given during worship are gifts given to us to share with all the world.



## The Blessing and Dismissal

In the blessing and dismissal we are reminded that we carry the peace and love we have received from Christ into the world. We are challenged to live out the Gospel in our lives outside the walls of the church so that others may see and be drawn into new life in Christ.

## ✠The Blessing

### The Recessional Hymn

#473 - "Lift High the Cross"

*Descant*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

## ✠The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### Three-Fold Amen

#### Postlude

"Lift High the Cross"

John Leavitt

## ***Worship Servers***

### **September 14, 2025**

Ushers - Jim Burchik, Steve Norton

Lectors - Lynette Brown (1st), Stephanie Seaman (*Psalm*), Keegan Brown (2nd)

Prayers of the People - Lydia Engle

LEM - Bob Sims.

Altar Guild - Lynette Brown

Crucifer - Keegan Brown

Acolytes - Elijah Brown

Please remember in your prayers:

Elizabeth Grace & the Mattson Family, John, Marian, Michael, Bob, Janice, Barbara, Angie, Katie, Jerry, Paul, Braiden, Diane, Nancy, Judith, Lydia, Jeff, Lester, Beth Ann, Mose, Ed, Daphne, Peg, Stephanie, Bertha, Lily, Carol, Steve, Lori, Patrick, Kevin, Kyle, the Solis Family, the Leibley Family, Betsy, Bud Dissinger, Steve Tribiooi and family, for the repose of Emily Garber and for comfort and peace for Grant Garber and Emily's family and friends, and our Grief Share, Creation Care, Outreach, Property and Yarn Ministries.

Those suffering from all illnesses and those who caring for them;

Those impacted by natural disasters and violence;

The People of Ukraine and all those supporting them;

Those living in nursing homes, group homes, and prisons;

The People of the Diocese of Navajoland and all indigenous peoples;

Those serving in the military;

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, Danville

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

*To add people to our Parish Prayer List, including those in the military please call the church office so they can be added to our prayer list.*

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#### ***This Month's Birthdays:***

9/4 - Eljah Puskar

9/7 - Fr. Tim Small

9/9 - Jeremy Brown

9/13 - Amy Dissinger

9/14 - Mike Geib

9/15 - Rev Stacey Catigano

9/17 - Rev Jennifer

Mattson

9/19 - Gunner Tuscan

9/19 - LeAnne Burchik

9/27 - Lydia Engle

9/27 - Jae Dupler

#### ***This Month's Anniversaries:***

9/8 - Deb & Jae Dupler

9/18 - Brandon &

Kathleen Peach

9/19 - Jeremy & Katie

Brown

***Thank you to  
Bob & Mary Sims for  
providing lunch today!***

*If you'd like to sign up to provide lunch, there is a sign-up list on the whiteboard in the parish house. The entire year is listed on the sign-up pages. The last Sunday of the month is a Pot Luck, so plan to bring your favorite dish!*

## ◀ *Happenings at Hope Church* ▶

+ **Coffee hour/Sunday Luncheon:** There is a sign-up list on the whiteboard in the parish house kitchen for those who want to provide lunch. The entire year is listed on the sign-up pages. The last Sunday of the month is our monthly PotLuck, plan to bring your favorite dish to share!

+ **Weekly Bible Study:** Join us for coffee and conversation as we dive deep into scripture over breakfast and end with a moment of grace in Holy Communion every Thursday at 9:30 AM in the Parish House. Bring your favorite mug, your questions, and an open heart. Let's brew up some Good News together!

+ **Yarn Ministry Meeting:** Join us for the next meeting of the Yarn Ministry of Hope tomorrow, September 15th at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Deacon Nancy at [nlesher@hopeepiscopal.org](mailto:nlesher@hopeepiscopal.org) or 410-61-5016.

+ **National Acolyte Festival:** Washington National Cathedral is delighted to welcome acolytes, servers, and vergers from across the country each year to celebrate this vital ministry of service and faith. The festival is a time-honored tradition for many congregations, and we are eager for this year's edition on Saturday, October 11, 2025. Mark your calendars - we hope to take a group of kids to the festival again this year!

### Coming up at Hope:

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| 9/15  | Yarn Ministry Meeting   |
| 9/18  | Weekly Bible Study - 9:30 AM / 3rd Thursday To+Gether Youth Group 6PM |
| 9/21  | Vestry Meeting  |
| 9/28  | Potluck Sunday  |
| 10/11 | National Acolyte Festival   |

### Next Sunday's Worship Servers

**Ushers:** Tom Brown, Jeremy Brown

**Lectors:** Steve Palmer (*1st & 2nd*), Stephanie Seaman (*Psalm*), Kathleen Peach (*Prayers of the People*)

**Altar Guild:** Lynette Brown

**Crucifer:** Liam Peach      **Acolytes:** J.D. Hynick



## *A Jubilee Parish*

A parish of The Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania  
The Reverend Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop, Episcopal Church in the  
United States of America  
The Right Rev. Audrey Cady Scanlan, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania

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### **Worship at Hope Church**

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist and live-streamed on YouTube.

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J.D. Hynick, Jr. Verger	

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### **Our Vestry & Parish Officers**

Steve Palmer, Sr. Warden; Jeremy Brown, Jr. Warden; Gwen Norton, *Treasurer*;  
Steve Palmer, Steve Norton, Tom Brown, Brandon Peach, Janelle Weckerly  
Lucy Longo, *Assistant Treasurer*; tbd, *Delegate to Convention*, Bob Sims, *Alternate*

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### **Supporting Volunteer Staff**

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Lucy Longo, *Finance Committee*; Kathleen Peach, *Outreach Committee*; Jeremy Brown, *Property Committee*  
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