

# **St. Charles Episcopal Church**

**9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite II**



**Feast of St. Michael & All Angels**

**September 28, 2025**

*Welcome! We are pleased you are joining us today. Please share this service with your family, friends, and neighbors. Thank you, and God bless you for your faithfulness.*

## **Voluntary**

**Angels Dancing for Joy**

Daivd Hicken (b. 1980)

*The People stand as they are able when the bell rings.*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Gathering Hymn 362**

*Nicaea*

## **Opening Acclamation**

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

**People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## **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.

**People: Amen.**

*Everyone sings the Canticle*

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord

God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;

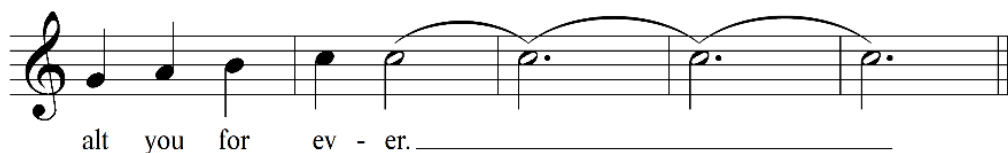
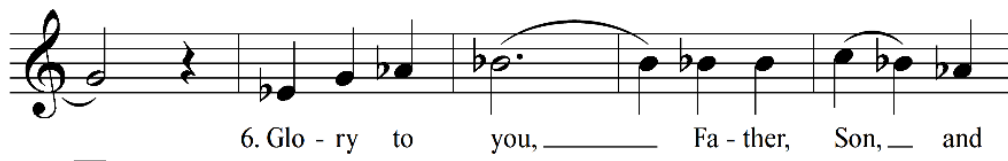
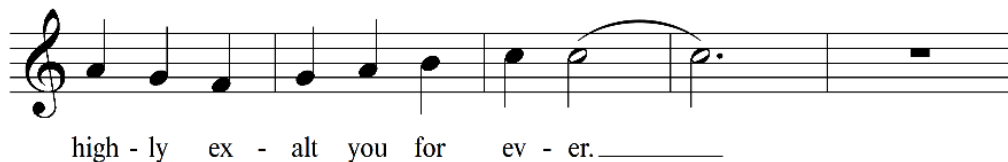
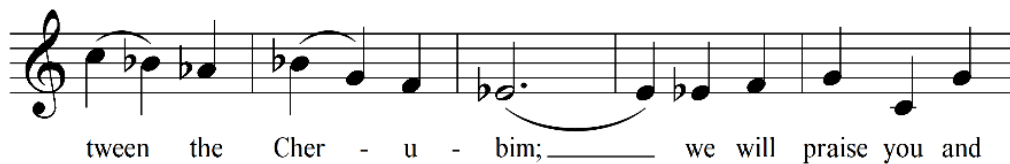
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you for the

ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to



## Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals:  
Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## First Reading

**Genesis 28:10-17**

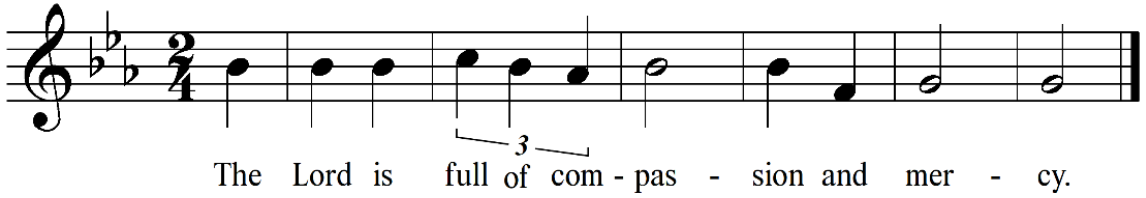
Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know

that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The Choir intones the antiphon; all repeat. Everyone then chants the psalm.*



*tone:* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT



19 The Lord has set his [throne,\*  
And his kingship has do-[minion] over all.

20 Bless the Lord...you angels of his,  
You mighty ones who [do] his bidding,\*  
And hearken to the voice [of] his word.

21 Bless the Lord...all [you] his hosts,\*  
You ministers of his who [do] his will.

22 Bless the Lord...all you works of his,  
In all places of his do-[min]-ion;\*  
Bless the Lord...[O] my soul. *Sing the antiphon*

## Second Reading

## Revelation 12:7-12

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

“Now have come the salvation and the power  
and the kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Messiah,  
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,  
who accuses them day and night before our God.  
But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony,  
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.  
Rejoice then, you heavens  
and those who dwell in them!  
But woe to the earth and the sea,  
for the devil has come down to you  
with great wrath,  
because he knows that his time is short!”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as they are able.*



## Gospel Acclamation

## Festival Alleluia

James Chepponis

*The choir will intone; all repeat. After the versicle, all repeat the Alleluia*

*Organ*



*Choir first, then all*



Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu — ia.



Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu — ia!

## Gospel

**John 1:47-51**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people sit.*

**Sermon**

The Rev. Laura Gottardi-Littell

*A period of silence will be kept after the sermon.*

**Nicene Creed**     *(The people stand as they are able)*

**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.

**Prayers of the People (Form VI)**      *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

Intercessor: For all people in their daily life and work;

**All:            For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those  
who are alone.**

Intercessor: For this community, the nation, and the world;

**All:            For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor: For the just and proper use of your creation;

**All:            For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and  
oppression.**

Intercessor: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**All: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**All: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor: For Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, Paula Clark, our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

**All: For all who serve God in his Church.**

Intercessor: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*(names read by the Deacon)*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Intercessor: Hear us, Lord;

**All: For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

Intercessor: We will exalt you, O God our King;

**All: And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Intercessor: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**All: Who put their trust in you.**

Intercessor: We pray for our Search Committee and our parish as we seek a new rector, that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit.

**All: Lord, hear our Prayer**

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

*Enriching Our Worship 1, pg. 56*

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

**All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore and strengthen us, through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

**All: Amen.**

**Peace**     *(All stand as they are able.)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Anthem** *(sung by the Choir)*

**God of All Creation**

David Kelly

God of all creation,  
for whom the church, in liturgy and song,  
has borne faithful witness through the centuries;  
let us be your instruments of praise,  
that in us may be found that new dimension of sound  
which tunes our souls and bodies to the infinite beauty of your truth  
and the profound glory of your eternal light.

*The people stand as they are able.*

# Offertory Hymn

# Christ, the Fair Glory

# Christe Sanctorum



1. Christ the fair glo - ry of the ho - ly  
 2. Send thine arch - an - gel Mi - chael to our  
 3. Send forth arch - an - gel Ga - bri - el, the  
 4. Fa - ther Al - might - y, Son, and Ho - ly



an - gels, ma - ker of all things,  
 suc - cor; peace - ma - ker bless - ed,  
 might - y; her - ald of hea - ven,  
 Spi - rit, God ev - er bless - ed,



ru - ler of all na - tions, grant of thy  
 may he ban - ish from us striv - ing and  
 may he, from us mor - tals, drive ev - ery  
 hear our thank - ful prais - ses; thine is the



mer - cy un - to us thy ser - vants  
 ha - tred, so that for the peace - ful  
 e - vil, watch - ing o'er the tem - ples  
 glo - ry which from all cre - a - tion



steps up to hea - ven.  
 all things thou may pros - per.  
 where thou art wor - shiped.  
 ev - er a - scend eth.

# The Great Thanksgiving      *Eucharistic Prayer 2 - Enriching Our Worship*

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.

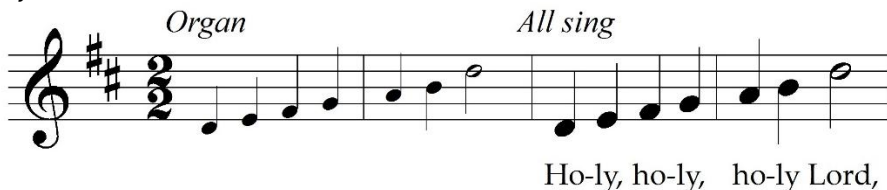
**People:    It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Ronald Arnatt





God of pow'r and might, hea-ven and earth are  
 full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na  
 — in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na,  
 Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na — in the high - est!

Celebrant: 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.

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.

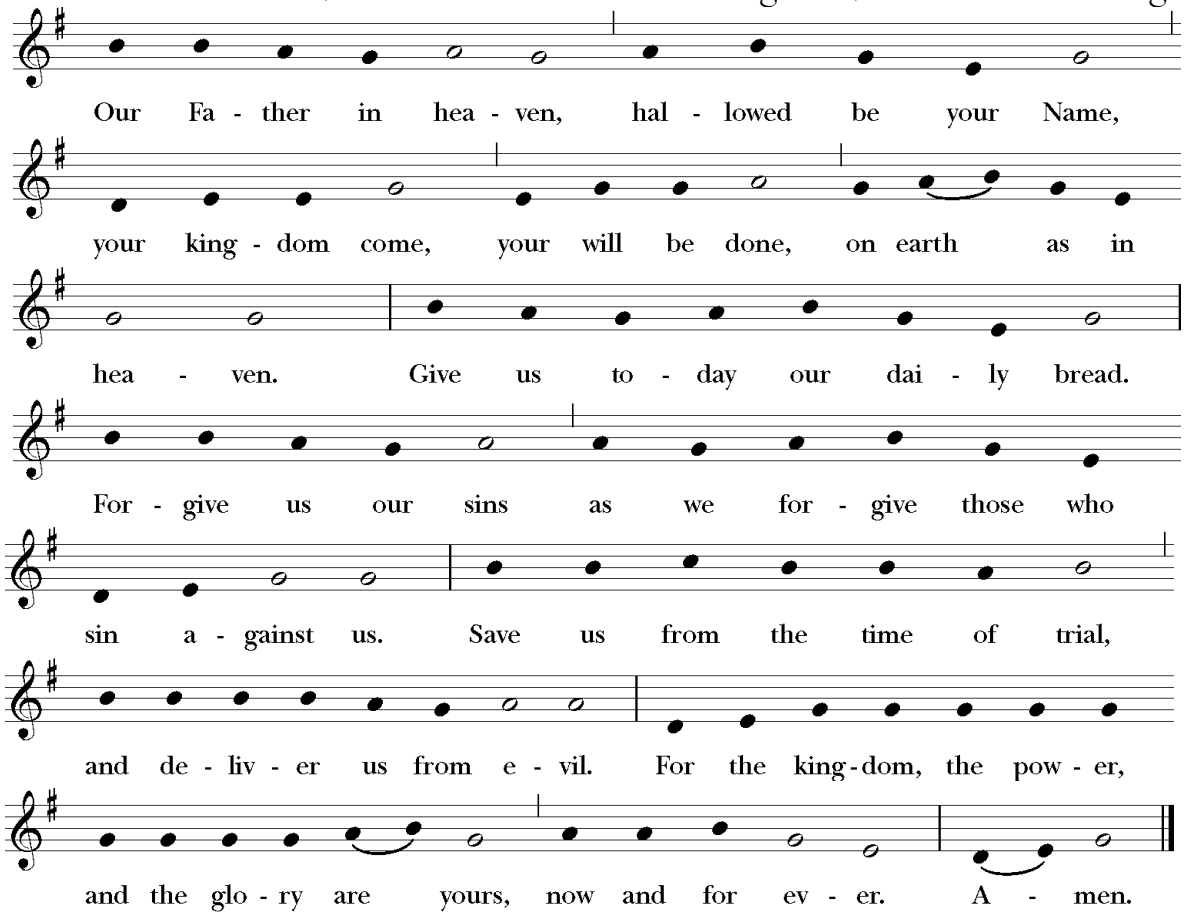
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

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.

**All: Amen.**

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



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in  
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who  
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## Breaking of the Bread

*The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem

## Eat This Bread

*music from Taizé*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

## Communion

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available as well as grape juice; please make your need known to the minister. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please indicate by crossing your arms when you approach the Celebrant*

## Communion Hymn 455

*Dunedin*

## Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All:** God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

## Blessing

Celebrant: God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always.

**All:** Amen.

## Sending Forth Hymn 618

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

## Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Voluntary

*Uriel God is My Light*

Craig Phillips (b. 1962)



*Today we welcome Rev. Laura Gottardi-Littell as our Celebrant.  
Mother Laura, thank you for worshipping with us today.*

*The beautiful altar flowers are given to the Glory of God,  
in honor of Deacon Steve's birthday.*



### **Upcoming Events:**

- ❖ Sunday, September 28 – 4:00 p.m. Free Spaghetti Dinner in Ludtke Hall
- ❖ Saturday, October 25 – 9:30 a.m. Anti-Racism Training in Ludtke Hall, facilitated by the Diocesan Anti-Racism Commission

See *The Pulse* for details on our events. Not receiving *The Pulse* weekly emails?

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Parish Office Hours: M-Th, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



Know that I am  
with you and  
will keep you  
wherever you go.

GENESIS 28:15, NRSV



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