May 6, 2018

The Episcopal Church on Edisto is a vibrant Christian community that honors our Episcopal heritage by welcoming all people. Together we exist to love and serve both God and our neighbor, inviting all to share in the joy of God’s unconditional love.
Altar Flowers
To sponsor flowers for the altar, please contact Ginny King or sign up on the calendar by the doors.

Gluten Free wafers are available upon request. Please speak to an usher.
Restrooms are located next door through the front door of the church.

Birthdays
Laura Goldsmith, May 6
Ginny King, May 7
Janet Oakley, May 13
John Nickerson, May 14
Elizabeth Galaida, May 14

Continuing Prayer List as of 5-20-18
Robert R Bruner IV Nancy Skardon
Patti Cooper Sarah Sturm
Zillah Cribb Allston Swartz
Brauer Dowd Nico Tanner
Mary Ann Foy Bubba Unger
Jim Gettys Mickey Van Metre
Wallie Hiers Jimmie Waldrop
Ken Korpanty Gordon Watson
Betty Mock Elizabeth Webb
Brenda Nickerson
Cotton Richardson

To request prayer for yourself or someone in need please contact a member of our Prayer Circle. Clergy would like to know if you have an impending hospitalization or need.

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Prelude: Brethren We Have Met to Worship – Traditional

Processional hymn: Thou whose almighty word

The Word of God

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

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

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.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
The Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”
Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Response: Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*  
1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
  ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
  worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
   the God of glory thunders; *
   the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
   the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
   the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
   and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
   the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
   the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
   and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the Lord *
   all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
    the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
    the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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The Epistle: Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Procession: Holy, holy, holy

The Gospel Lesson:

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the
Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Fr. Colton Smith

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form III BCP 387

A Prayer for the Episcopal Church on Edisto

Gracious Lord Christ, whom to love is to serve, you sent your disciples into every place where you would come; pour out your Holy Spirit on those who serve our mission church in your name. Give us grateful hearts to guide us in the mission of serving you and our neighbors. As we seek to grow in proclaiming the good news of your love to all people, give us wisdom never to lose sight of your Word, strength of purpose
to meet the challenges before us, and grateful dedication to the work that we share. All this we ask for the praise of your holy name. Amen.

The Peace

All stand

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements and Birthdays

BCP 830

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: America – S.F. Smith

ECOE Ensemble

Doxology

Hymnal 380

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being: and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Song, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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,

We remember his death;
we proclaim his resurrection;
we await his coming in glory.

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:

**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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Note:** Our prayer partner waits in the back of the church to pray with you if you wish to pray for special intentions or concerns, before returning to your pew.
Communion Hymns  
325, 337

Let us pray.

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.

Priest’s Blessing

Procession into the World: Joyful, joyful we adore thee Hymnal 376
.Dismissal Hymn: Day by Day Hymnal 654

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: God of Our Fathers – Roberts/Warren E. Galaida

Commissioning of the Eucharistic Visitor

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that
[N.] to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.
People: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.
Announcements
To subscribe to our newsletter, go to our web site: www.episcopalchurchonedisto.org.

The Hearts and Hands Committee is available to help you or anyone you know who is in need and could use some help with meals. For more information, contact Bert Looney at rlooney473@gmail.com.

You are invited to Arts in the Park, presenting the Appalachian Ballet Company, Sunday June 10 at 6:00pm, Bay Creek Park. This is a free concert. Bring food, drink, blankets or chairs and enjoy music with friends at Edisto’s Arts in the Park.

Fifth Sunday Offerings for 2018: ERD (July 29), Jane Edwards DC Trip (Sept. 30), To be determined (Dec. 30)

The Caregiver Group meets Thursdays at 10:30 in the Bay Creek Room.

Weekly Bible Study
If you have a yen for mystery and surprise, Bible study is for you. If you’re interested in enlarging your Biblical knowledge, Bible study is for you. If you’re a searcher, wanting to deepen your faith and trust in a loving God, Bible study is most certainly for you! Sometimes the discussion overflows into lunch. It’s guaranteed to be interesting. I’ve led Bible studies for almost 40 years. One thing I learned is that it doesn’t have to be dull. We’ll pray together, laugh together and grown to know and appreciate one another too.

Need a LIFT? Free local transportation to important services.
Call 843-631-5111 by 6 PM at least one day before.
LIFT is looking for volunteer drivers to commit one day per month. Training is provided.
To volunteer, contact Nona at nerowcliffe@comcast.net

Dancing for Joy, a free dance exercise class, meets Mondays 6 PM, Thursdays 8:30 AM and Saturdays 8:30 AM at the Bay Creek Room.
All exercise and experience levels are welcome. Try it!

Mission Council work session June 2, 2018, 10 AM at the Bay Creek Room