

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GRATITUDE SUNDAY

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

NOVEMBER 7, 2021 10:30 AM

The Rev. Ann McLemore, Interim Rector

Ms. Dia Park, Music Minister

The mission of St. George's Episcopal Church is to worship God and share our faith through word, action, and service.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE WITH US. If you are a newcomer, please complete the Welcome Card on the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the alms basin as it comes by during the offertory. Please join us after the service for conversation and refreshments in Kleberg Hall.

For those worshiping in person: Masks are required for all worshipers in the church. (Disposable masks are available in the narthex.) Please continue to practice social distancing throughout the service. Please do not sit in the pews with yellow cards. When the service ends, please join us for Coffee Hour in Kleberg Hall.

For those worshiping from home: Please know that you are still valued members of the congregation! And we look forward to seeing you in person, whenever you feel safe doing so. Our services continue to be available on the **Online Worship** page of our website.

The Church is now approaching the end of the long season known as the SEASON AFTER PENTECOST or ORDINARY TIME. During this season, we have focused on how we, following the example of the first disciples, can take what we have learned from Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, into the world and our everyday lives. We will soon be starting a new liturgical year and once again focusing on the events of the earthly life of Jesus. The new year begins on November 28th, with the SEASON OF ADVENT, a season of expectation and preparation for the coming of Christ – his coming as a babe in Bethlehem, his Second Coming, and his coming into our lives today and every day.

GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

H - 1982 Hymnal

G – Gather Hymnal

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

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THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (verses 1-2)

H 410

Please stand, as able. Worshippers in the church are asked not to sing.



Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt. Music: Laudia anima, John Goss (1800-1880).

WELCOME

COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP 355

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

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

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. GLORIA BCP 356

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 236

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he

lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

FIRST READING RUTH 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Reader A reading from the book of Ruth.

Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 127 NISI DOMINUS

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

- 1 Unless the LORD builds the house, * their labor is in vain who build it.
- 2 Unless the LORD watches over the city, * in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; * vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- 4 Children are a heritage from the LORD, * and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior * are the children of one's youth.
- 6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! *
 he shall not be put to shame when he contends with his enemies in the gate.

SECOND READING HEBREWS 9:24-28

Reader A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



Words: Frank von Christierson (b. 1900), alt.

Music: Forest Green, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958).

THE HOLY GOSPEL MARK 12:38-44

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON ASHLEY CARRERA

Please be seated.

NICENE CREED BCP 358

Please stand, as 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 III

BCP 387

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our bishops, Ann

our Interim Rector, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons; and for all lay leaders,

especially our Search Committee and our vestry;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for Joe our president, Greg our governor, Steve our mayor, and for all who

govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor Have compassion on Sheila, August, Gladys, Gerry, Ralph, Ginny, Kirk, David, Terrie,

Divesh, Joan, Mary, Noelia, Charles, Rochelle, Jon, JoAnn, Pamela, those suffering from

COVID-19, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor Give to those who have died from COVID-19, and to all the departed, eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor We give you thanks for Kyle, as he celebrates his birthday; for Ashley and Kent, as they

celebrate their anniversary; and for all the blessings of this life.

(Silence)

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(Silence)

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.

People Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Please stand, as 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 Christ. Please maintain social distance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GRATITUDE SUNDAY LITANY

Celebrant Let us pray for the wisdom and courage to make stewardship a way of life with God.

People Gracious God, we acknowledge you as the source of all that we have and all that we

are. Help us to hear your call to be good stewards of all your gifts, by making your priorities our priorities. Help us challenge each other, as disciples of Jesus Christ, to

put our faith into action. Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray that as good stewards we will plan our sharing.

People Lord, as your church, help us do wise and thoughtful planning which demonstrates

the great importance that you and the truth of the Gospel have in our lives. For it is our desire to serve our church, our community, and our world with your gifts. Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious God, our pledges are offered in gratitude for all we have received, for all we

have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place.

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we pray your blessing on St.

George's Church and on the gifts that are here offered and the pledges and

commitments that your people will continue to make into the future.

People Amen.

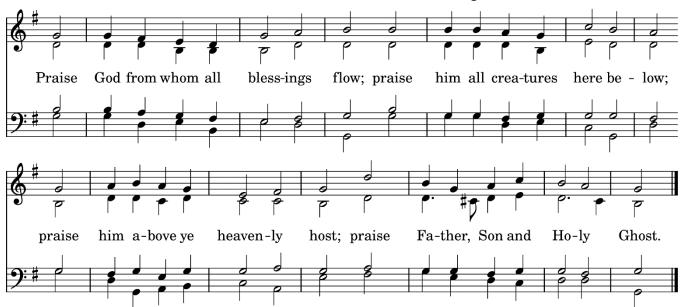
THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Thank you for your generosity. You may place checks or cash, as well as pledge cards, in the offering basket. If you prefer, you may give online at the <u>St. George's Donation page</u>.

THE DOXOLOGY H 380, VERSE 3

Please stand, as able. All are invited to sing.



Words: verse 3, Thomas Ken. Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant 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; who on

the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious

resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

All 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.

Celebrant

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:

People Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

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.

All **AMEN.**

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

All 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

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrified for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We will be receiving only the consecrated host, and not the wine. To receive communion, please come forward up the center aisle. Please let the Celebrant know if you desire a gluten-free wafer.

If you do not wish to receive Communion, please cross your arms over your heart, and the Celebrant will pray for God's blessing upon you.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

Please stand, as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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

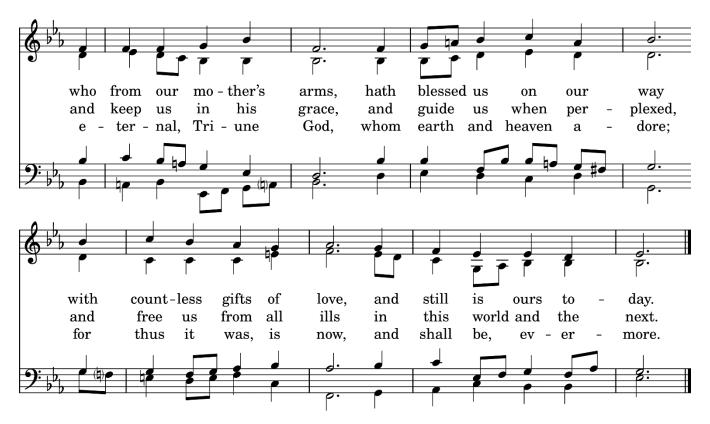
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

Now Thank We All Our God **CLOSING HYMN** H 397 All are invited to sing the final hymn. 1 Now thank we all God. with heart, and hands, and voic our es. may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us! All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now giv be en, whom his who won-drous things hath done, in world re joic es; with ev - er - joy ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us: who with high - est the Son, and him reigns them in hea ven,



Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1659); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: Num danket alle Gott, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Seven Short Postludes for Organ W. Wolstenholme

DIA PARK

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the people of St. George's.

The altar candles are given to the glory of God by Ada Pewitt.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

For those who are sick or facing medical issues, especially:

Sheila CarpenterGinny HeinMary ParkerAugust Dolan-HendersonKirk HoffmanNoelia VillarealGladys DykesDavid & Terrie HosterCharles Wallace

Gerry Gram Divesh Manohar Rochelle & Jon Winkle

Ralph Hausser Joan Moreau Those suffering from COVID-19

For those who have died and their families, especially

Those who have died from COVID-19

For those facing difficult circumstances, especially:

JoAnn Mays Pamela Miller

For those serving in the armed forces and their families, especially:

Andrew Hutton

For those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Kyle Landry (Nov 8)

For those who celebrate anniversaries, especially:

Ashley & Kent Ibsen (Nov 11)

In the Anglican cycle of prayer:

In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, St. Mark's, Bay City
New Zealand and Polynesia St. Mark's, Richmond

St. Mary's, West Columbia

Names newly added to the list of prayer requests are in bold.

Names can be added to this list by emailing Jennifer at steporgeaustin@gmail.com.

THE SUNDAY BANNER – November 7, 2021

- ❖ IN-PERSON WORSHIP Join us for in-person Eucharist in the church on Sundays at 10:30. As conditions change, we are continuing to re-assess our practices in light of health and safety concerns. We practice social distancing, and we ask everyone to wear a mask. The service continues to be accessible via both Zoom and Facebook Live.
- COFFEE HOUR IN KLEBERG! Since Austin has returned to Stage 3, we've moved back into Kleberg Hall for Coffee Hour! Please join us after the service in Kleberg for this time of fellowship. We are also once again inviting folks to sign up to host Coffee Hour, so look for the sign-up sheet in Kleberg as well.

- GRATITUDE SUNDAY Today, we celebrate Gratitude Sunday, the culmination of our annual season of stewardship at St. George's. This year's theme, Every Perfect Gift, highlights all the ways in which we have been blessed by God and how that inspires us to give back to our neighbors, our church, the world. During this season, we have prayerfully considered our financial commitment to St. George's in the year ahead. An insert in the bulletin each week has addressed a different way that we as individuals and as a community can more fully acknowledge the gifts we both give and receive. Pledge cards were mailed out and sent by email and are available in the pews and the church entrances. You can submit your pledge by placing your pledge cards in the offering basket, by mailing your card to the church office, or online. If you have not yet pledged, you are encouraged to do so TODAY. For more information or to pledge online, visit our website at www.sgchurch.org/stewardship. Many thanks to Raul and Nancy Carrera, our Stewardship co-chairs.
- ❖ PARISH RETREAT The parish retreat is happening! Join us NEXT WEEKEND, Friday to Sunday, November 12-14, for a fun time of rest, relaxation, and community-building for our parish family at the Well Spring Retreat Center in the beautiful Texas Hill Country near Blanco. To make the retreat work, we need your help! Please consider helping to coordinate a meal and/or lead one of our worship services. Contact Belinda McGhee at belindam18@gmail.com to volunteer. Online registration and more information is available on the PARISH RETREAT page of the St. George's website (www.sgchurch.org/parish-retreat).
- CHRISTMAS OUTREACH BLING-IN As in past years, we will once again be asking the congregation to donate \$20 H-E-B gift cards for the residents of St. George's Court and Casa Marianella. In order to make those gifts extra special, we'll be using our traditional decorated stockings for them. And you're invited to help decorate stockings! To do the decoration, we will be having a "bling-in" at coffee hour in Kleberg Hall on Sundays, November 14th and 21st. (We know that next Sunday is the weekend of the parish retreat, but those who are still in Austin are invited, and we hope more of you will join us on the 21st.) All ages can participate; all supplies are furnished; and no previous experience or talent is required. We will wear masks as appropriate, stay fairly distant and use copious amounts of hand sanitizer so please join us for a fun community [re]builder.
- Highlight for the month of November, is hosting its 31st annual Hands for Hope meal drive with the goal of providing holiday meal kits to more than 1000 families. St. George's is participating in the Hands for Hope campaign. Please visit our personalized St. George's Hands for Hope page to donate online, or use this QR code. (You can also give by check; make the check out to "El Buen Samaritano," with "Hands for Hope/St. George's" in the memo line, and mail it to El Buen Samaritano, 7000 Woodhue Drive, Austin, TX 78745.) El Buen also needs volunteers for Hands for Hope! To register to help distribute meal kits on Saturday, November 20th, please visit www.elbuen.org/handsforhope. A variety of volunteer roles are available, in multiple time slots. To volunteer, you must be 18 years of age and vaccinated, and you must attend a virtual volunteer training on Tuesday, November 16th, at 5:00 pm. More details can be found on the website.

* HANDS FOR HOPE – El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission, our Outreach Ministry

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMON LIFE

PRAYER IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

THE REV. CANON KRISTI PHILIP

Ever-present God. You call us on a journey to a place we do not know. We are not where we started. We have not reached our destination. We are not sure where we are or who we are. This is not a comfortable place. Be among us, we pray. Calm our fears, save us from discouragement. And help us to stay on course. Open our hearts to your guidance so that our journey to this Unknown place continues as a journey of trust. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

BCP 815

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK BCP 260

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, November 8 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting Ammonius, Hermit, 4th century

Tuesday, November 9 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 10

Thursday, November 11 Martin of Tours, Bishop, 397

Friday, November 12 Parish Retreat
Saturday, November 13 Parish Retreat

Sunday, November 14 Parish Retreat The Consecration of Samuel Seabury, 1784

10:30 am Holy Eucharist11:30 am Coffee Hour

THOSE WHO SERVE

Vestry Person of the Day – Dale Curry
Altar Guild – Alice Nelson
Flower Guild – The Pewitt Family
Usher – Alice Nelson
Streaming Technicians – Liam Dolan-Henderson, Lydia Fortuna
Lector/Intercessor – August Dolan-Henderson
Lay Eucharistic Minister – Raul Carrera

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