



THE PARISH CHURCH

— AT HABERSHAM —

Proper 17

Sunday, August 31, 2025



A Church Where We Love Our Neighbor Who We Are

The Parish Church worships God together in community, offering an opportunity to come to know and love the Lord Jesus. We believe that as we grow in our love for God together, we will also grow closer to one another - being known, sharing life, and loving neighbors as Jesus taught us to do, right where we live.

The Parish Church at Habersham is a daughter church plant of St. Helena in Downtown Beaufort. We are a parish church on the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina under the authority of Bishop Charles Edgar.

Liturgy of the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

400 And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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That thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

He left his Father's throne above-
So free, so infinite his grace-
Emptied himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me!

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
Alive in him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
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The Acclamation

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

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

The Celebrant prays:

The Collect for Purity

The Summary of the Law

*During the hymn, children in kindergarten through
5th grade are invited forward to receive a blessing
before following the processional cross to the
children's church for age appropriate Bible teaching.*

Hymn

Father of Mercy

*Father of mercy, Lover of all children,
Who in their form didst send thy Son,
Gladly we bless thee, Humbly we pray thee
For all the children of the earth.*

Gloria

*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, the 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.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 10: 7-18

⁷ I have seen slaves on horses, and princes walking on the ground like slaves. ⁸ He who digs a pit will fall into it, and a serpent will bite him who breaks through a wall. ⁹ He who quarries stones is hurt by them, and he who splits logs is endangered by them. ¹⁰ If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge, he must use more strength, but wisdom helps one to succeed. ¹¹ If the serpent bites before it is charmed, there is no advantage to the charmer. ¹² The words of a wise man's mouth win him favor, but the lips of a fool consume him. ¹³ The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness, and the end of his talk is evil madness. ¹⁴ A fool multiplies words, though no man knows what is to be, and who can tell him what will be after him? ¹⁵ The toil of a fool wearies him, for he does not know the way to the city. ¹⁶ Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child, and your princes feast in the morning! ¹⁷ Happy are you, O land, when your king is the son of the nobility, and your princes feast at the proper time, for strength, and not for drunkenness! ¹⁸ Through sloth the roof sinks in, and through indolence the house leaks.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 112

Please read the psalm responsively by half verse

¹ Praise the Lord!

***Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
who greatly delights in his commandments!***

² His offspring will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³ Wealth and riches are in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

⁵ It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.

⁶ For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered forever.

⁷ He is not afraid of bad news;
his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.

⁸ His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

⁹ He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;
***his righteousness endures forever;
his horn is exalted in honor.***

¹⁰ The wicked man sees it and is angry;
***he gnashes his teeth and melts away;
the desire of the wicked will perish!***

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be, world without end. Amen.***

¹ Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶ So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

548 As The Deer

As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Luke 14:7-14

⁷ Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

You're my friend and You are my brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying,
“hear our prayer.”

After each intercession, prayers from the congregation are invited.

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto
Almighty God.

The Confession of Sin

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.

The Absolution of Sin

The Comfortable Words

The Peace (*standing*)

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

People: *And with your spirit.*

The congregation greets one another with God's peace and is invited to spend five minutes meeting with and encouraging one another in the Lord. When the pianist plays the interlude, please make your way back to your seats for the service to resume.

Offertory

The celebrant reads one of the offertory sentences and the ushers come forward to pass the collection baskets to the congregation.

Offertory Hymn

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

Refrain:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting,
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion—
For more than conqu'rors we are! Refrain

His Word shall not fail you—He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell! Refrain

The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

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 him thanks and praise.*

The Sanctus

*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. Hosanna in the highest.*

The Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: *Christ has died.*

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

The Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been
sacrificed, (once for all upon the Cross).

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The Prayer of Humble Access

*We do not presume to come to this your table,
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not
worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under
your table; but you are the same Lord whose character
is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious
Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be
made clean by his body, and our souls washed
through his most precious blood, and that we may
evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

The Invitation

The Ministration of Communion

Communion Hymn

473 My Jesus I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
For thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee, because thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I'll love, thee in life, I will love thee in death,
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
And say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

The Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

411 In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm thro' the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied-
For ev'ry sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I stand.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
The bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine-
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here is the power of Christ I stand.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the
power of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Make A Note

Little Food Pantry-Every 3rd Sunday

Providing nutrition, fresh food, toiletries, and socks at the pantry site on Joe Frazier Road.

Prayer Group-Parish Church at Habersham, 100 Market
Every Tues.

9:00am - Establish your prayer patterns with
The Book of Common Prayer.

Every Weds.

7:30am - Men's Book Study. Park House.

Romans 8-16 For You, by Tim Keller.

Contact Frank Koehn at koehnfe@gmail.com

9:00am - Prayer for those in need, sickness, or adversity.

Intercessory Prayer: Every Sunday during communion or by appointment. Contact Rev. Claudia Carucci at claudiac@theparish.org

Thank You for Worshipping with Us!

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The Reverend Joseph Lawrence

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The Reverend Claudia Carucci

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The Reverend Thad Bullock

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