

Proper 23

Sunday, October 12, 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.

Dear Parents: We LOVE that children are here, so don't worry if they squirm and make some noise. If they get too restless for you, feel free to step into the children's room off the main entrance until they are ready to return. There are toys and a speaker, so you can continue to participate in worship.

Liturgy of the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn 348 All People That On Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with fear; his praise forth tell; Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid he did us make; We are his folk; he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise; Approach with joy his courts unto; Praise, laud, and bless his name always, For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good; His mercy is forever sure. His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

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 up to the 6th 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

Ruth 1:1-19

¹ In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵ and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶ Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. ⁷ So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰ And they said to her, "No, we will return with you

to your people." ¹¹ But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹² Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³ would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me." ¹⁴ Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in law." ¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹ So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

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

Psalm 113

Please read the psalm responsively by half verse

1 Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

² Blessed be the name of the Lord *from this time forth and forevermore!*

³ From the rising of the sun to its setting, *the name of the Lord is to be praised!*

⁴ The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

⁵ Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,

⁶ who looks far down

on the heavens and the earth?

⁷ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

8 to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

⁹ He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!

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 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. ³ Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵ An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

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

Gradual Hymn

Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved For our walk in this world; They resound with God's own heart, O, let the ancient words impart.

Chorus
Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me, changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn

Ancient Words

Holy words of our faith Handed down to this age, Came to us through sacrifice; O, heed the faithful words of Christ.

Chorus
Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me, changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.

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

554 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Thro' the storm, thro' the night, Lead me on to the light,

Refrain Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near; When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I fall; Refrain When the darkness appears,
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand;
Guide my feet, hold my hand, Refrain

Precious Lord, I love your name, When I look back from whence I came; Sometimes stumbling, sometimes falling, sometimes alone. Friends and loved ones I love so dear, Many are gone, but still I'm here;

Last Refrain Take my hand, precious Lord, and lead me home.

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, 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

573 Lift High the Cross

Refrain Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain

Each newborn soldier of the Crucified Bears on his brow the seal of him who died. Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As thou hast promised, draw all men to thee. Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be: "Praise to the Crucified for victory!" Refrain

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 623 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Doth his successive journeys run; His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless pray'r be made, And praises throng to crown his head; His name like sweet perfume shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue Dwell on his love with sweetest song; And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; The prisoner leaps to lose his chains, The weary find eternal rest, And all the sons of want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen.

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!

- To contact the church staff call our parish administrator at 854-236-2550 or by email: admin@theparish.org
- If you would like to financially support our ministry, go to **TheParish.org** and Click "Give" on the homepage.

Little Food Pantry-Every 3rd Sunday Bring your donation to church!



"The Little Food Pantry" provides basic nutrition, comfort and dignity to our nearby neighbors. We accomplish this by thoughtfully distributing non-perishable and fresh food, toiletries, socks and basic household cleaning products each Saturday morning at the pantry site on Joe Frazier Road.

Your Clergy

The Reverend James S. Sosnowski Rector

The Reverend Dr. Christopher R. Seitz *Theologian in Residence*

The Reverend Joseph Lawrence
Assisting Clergy

The Reverend Claudia Carucci Deacon

The Reverend Thad Bullock Deacon

