



# THE PARISH CHURCH

— AT HABERSHAM —

## Proper 15

Sunday, August 17, 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

321 Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky,  
and sea;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

## 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, 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

Jeremiah 23:23-29

<sup>23</sup> “Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? <sup>24</sup> Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. <sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ <sup>26</sup> How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup> who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 82

*Please read the psalm responsively by half verse*

- <sup>1</sup> God has taken his place in the divine council;  
***in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:***
- <sup>2</sup> “How long will you judge unjustly  
***and show partiality to the wicked? Selah***
- <sup>3</sup> Give justice to the weak and the fatherless;  
***maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.***
- <sup>4</sup> Rescue the weak and the needy;  
***deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”***
- <sup>5</sup> They have neither knowledge nor understanding,  
***they walk about in darkness;***  
***all the foundations of the earth are shaken.***
- <sup>6</sup> I said, “You are gods,  
***sons of the Most High, all of you;***
- <sup>7</sup> nevertheless, like men you shall die,  
***and fall like any prince.”***
- <sup>8</sup> Arise, O God, judge the earth;  
***for you shall inherit all the nations!***

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.***

## New Testament

Hebrews 12:1-14

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is

seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. <sup>4</sup> In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup> And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

<sup>6</sup> For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

<sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup> If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup> Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup> For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup> For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup> and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup> Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God.***

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 12:49-56

<sup>49</sup> “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup> For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup> They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*



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So my soul longeth after Thee.  
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## 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

431 Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
They are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me - this I know,  
As he loved so long ago,  
Taking children on his knee,  
Saying, "Let them come to me." Refrain

Jesus loves me - loves me still,  
Even when I'm weak and ill;  
From his shining throne on high,  
Comes to watch me where I lie. Refrain

Jesus loves me! He who died,  
Heaven's gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin,  
Let his little child come in. 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, ut 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

## I Am The Bread Of Life

I am the Bread of life,  
You who come to me shall not hunger;  
And who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
Unless the Father beckons.

### Chorus

And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give,  
Is my flesh for the life of the world,  
And if you eat of this bread,  
You shall live forever,  
You shall live forever.

Unless you eat  
Of the flesh of the Son of Man  
And drink of his blood,  
And drink of his blood,  
You shall not have life within you.

## 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

553 He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me! O blessed thought!  
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!  
What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be,  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

#### Refrain

He leadeth me! He leadeth me!  
By his own hand he leadeth me:  
His faithful follower I would be,  
For by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea,  
Still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. Refrain

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
Nor ever murmur nor repine,  
Content, whatever lot I see,  
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me. Refrain

### 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 basic nutrition, fresh food, toiletries, socks and basic household, cleaning products each Saturday morning 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.**

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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@theparish.org)
- If you would like to financially support our ministry, you can go to **TheParish.org** and Click “Give” on the homepage.

## **Your Clergy**

The Reverend James S. Sosnowski - Rector

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The Reverend Joseph Lawrence - Assisting Clergy

The Reverend Claudia Carucci - Deacon

The Reverend Thad Bullock - Deacon