



THE PARISH CHURCH
— AT HABERSHAM —

Advent

O come, O come, Emmanuel

The First Sunday In Advent
Sunday, November 30, 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 of 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

1 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

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.*

758 Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹ The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³ and many peoples shall come, and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 122

Please read the psalm responsively by half verse

- ¹ I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”
- ² Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!
- ³ Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,
- ⁴ to which the tribes go up,
***the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.***
- ⁵ There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
“May they be secure who love you!
- ⁷ Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!”
- ⁸ For my brothers and companions' sake
I will say, “Peace be within you!”
- ⁹ For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.

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.***

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

8 While We Are Waiting, Come

While we are waiting, come;
While we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
While we are waiting, come.

With pow’r and glory, come;
With pow’r and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
While we are waiting, come.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Matthew 24:29-44

²⁹ “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³² “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³ So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁶ “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷ For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field; one will be

taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴² Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn

8 While We Are Waiting, Come

Come, Savior, quickly come;
Come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
While we are waiting, come.

With pow'r and glory, come;
With pow'r and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
While we are waiting, come.

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

He Will Hold Me Fast

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When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold,
Through Life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

Refrain:

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost,
His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast. Refrain

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast.
'Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last! 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 22 O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee

O Lord, how shall I meet thee,
How welcome thee aright?
Thy people long to greet thee,
My Hope, my heart's Delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy.
The lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly
All that may please thee best.

Thy Zion strews before thee
Green boughs and fairest palms;
And I, too, will adore thee
With sweetest songs and psalms.
My soul puts off her sadness
Thy glories to proclaim;
With all her strength and gladness
She fain would serve thy name.

Love caused thine incarnation;
Love brought thee down to me;
Thy thirst for my salvation
Procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling.
That led thee to embrace.
In love all loves excelling,
Our lost and fallen race!

Sin's debt, that fearful burden.
Let not your souls distress;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
And cover by his grace.
He comes, for men procuring
The peace of sin forgiv'n.
For all God's sons securing
Their heritage in heav'n.

He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to his foes.
A Light of consolation
And blessed Hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth thy beams most cheering,
And guide us safely home.

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 390 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
Behold, the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blessed,
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
To Whom this King of triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with pray'r, and love, and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me thine inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

So, come, my Sov'reign; enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin;
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on,
Until the glorious crown be won.

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 support our ministry, please go to
TheParish.org and Click "Give" on the homepage.

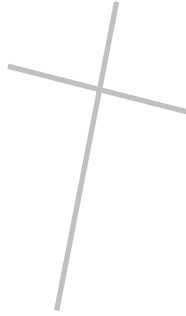
Need To Know More About Our Service?



We have printed the entire service in this booklet with an explanation for those people not familiar with our worship service.
(Available at the front entrance.)

We at The Parish Church at Habersham hope this will help you feel at home and grow your faith in Jesus Christ.

Please let us know if we may provide additional information to you.



Your Clergy

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