

***Sixth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
May 26, 2019***

The Great Thanksgiving

Processional	<i>O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God</i>	<i>Hymn #505</i>
Opening Acclamation	the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)-355	
Collect for Purity	BCP-355	
<i>Gloria in excelsis</i>	S-280	
The Collect of the Day	insert	
First Reading	Acts 16:9-15	insert
Psalms	Psalm 67	insert
Second Reading	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	insert
Sequence Hymn	<i>Peace Give I to Thee</i>	A-III #96
The Gospel	John 14:23-29	insert
The Sermon	the Rev. Donna J. Gerold	
The Nicene Creed	BCP-358	
Prayers of the People III	BCP-387	
The Peace	BCP-360	
Welcome, Announcements and Offertory		
Anthem	<i>I Sought the Lord</i>	<i>Solo by Randy Mims</i>
At the Presentation	Doxology	H#380 (v.3)

Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP-361
<i>Sanctus</i>	S-129
The Lord's Prayer	BCP-364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP-364
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ our Passover</i> WLP #866
Communion Hymns	
<i>And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love</i>	H #337
<i>Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees</i>	H #325
Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP-366
Recessional	<i>Christ is Made the Sure Foundation</i> H #518
Dismissal	BCP-366

The flowers today are given to the glory of God

Ministries for the Day

Celebrant	the Rev. Donna J. Gerold
Acolyte	Bill & Fisher Van Der Tulip
Healing Ministry	Kristin Anderson
Chalice	Candace Springer & Brooks Jones
Lectors	Carol Brazsky & Chris Clark
Prayers	Nancy Totman
Music	Nancy Totman
Greeters	Charlie & Brenda Galloway
Altar Guild	Rennie Edwards & Candace Springer
Hospitality	EfM

Following the service please join us in Benedict Hall for coffee hour

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Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5, John 14:23-29

COME TO US

The psalmist today calls upon God to “come to us.” God does come to us in all kinds of ways when our eyes, ears, and hearts are open and ready to receive the Divine Presence. Just look at the scriptures appointed for today for a few examples to prime the pump, to help us recognize how God comes to us in the here and now.



In the very first sentence of the first lesson, the apostle Paul receives a vision, or perhaps a dream since it occurred “during the night.” God, who is known as the Holy Dream Maker, often comes to us when our self-serving defenses are quieted in sleep. The Beloved also uses others as avenues for the Holy

Presence—notice Lydia at the end of that passage. God opens her heart to listen, and she responds in hospitality asking Paul and his companions to “come and stay at my house.” The apocalyptic vision given to John on Patmos in our second lesson shows the Holy One coming as cleansing, life-giving light to provide “the healing of the nations”—that indicates all will be enlightened by God’s gracious love at the end time. Jesus’ precious promise in our gospel: “I am coming to you,” and elsewhere, “And remember I am with you always to the end of the age,” (Mt.28:20b) encourages us to trust that the Divine Presence will be with us whatever comes our way.

Take time to reflect on the ways you have experienced the Beloved coming to you, and give thanks. It may have been times when you were awed by the magnificence of creation, or seeing the words come off your pen as you journaled, or were carried away by listening to sublime music, or touched by watching little children at play, or being nestled by your pet, or being surprised by an unexpected call or visit from a long-distance friend—the Beloved is endlessly creative and particularly unique in reaching us as God works in our lives transforming us into the *imago dei* we were created to be.

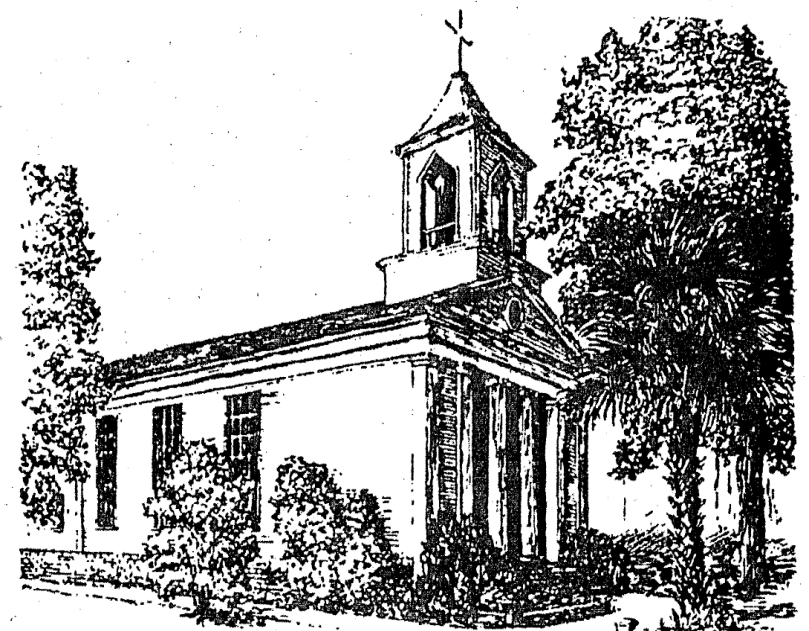
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