



# St. Edward's Episcopal Church

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026 + 8:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist + Rite 1

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The Procession into the Church

Hymn 544

THE WORD OF GOD

Gloria

BCP 324

The Collect of the Day

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"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

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**The Second Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a**

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"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

<b>The Homily</b>	<b>Rev. Mark Lafler</b>
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>	<b>BCP 327</b>
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	<b>BCP 328</b>
<b>Confession of Sin</b>	<b>BCP 331</b>
<b>The Peace</b>	<b>BCP 332</b>
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>	

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

<b>The Offertory</b>	
<b>The Doxology</b>	<b>Hymn 380, vs. 3</b>
<b>Eucharistic Prayer 1</b>	<b>BCP 333</b>
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	<b>BCP 336</b>
<b>The Communion</b>	

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<b>Healing Prayers</b>	
<b>The Post Communion Prayer</b>	<b>BCP 339</b>
<b>The Blessing</b>	
<b>The Procession into the World</b>	<b>Hymn 717</b>
<b>The Dismissal</b>	



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The Holy Eucharist + Rite 2

The Procession

America the Beautiful

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The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Song of Praise

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**The Sequence** **In Moments Like These**

**The Gospel:** **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

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**The Homily** **Rev. Mark Lafler**

**The Nicene Creed** **BCP 358**

**The Prayers of the People (Form III)** **BCP 387**

**Confession of Sin** **BCP 360**

**The Peace** **BCP 360**

**Welcome and Announcements**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Offertory** **Where Would I Be**

**The Doxology** **Sacrifice of Praise**

**Eucharistic Prayer A** **BCP 361**

**The Sanctus** **Holy, Holy, Holy**

**The Lord's Prayer** **BCP 364**

**Fraction Anthem** **Awaken the Dawn**

**The Communion**

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**Communion Hymn** **You Raise Me Up**

**Healing Prayers**

**The Post Communion Prayer** **BCP 365**

**The Blessing**

**The Procession** **Battle Hymn of The Republic**

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## WELCOME

We are glad you are here this morning. We hope you will sense the presence of the Holy Spirit while you worship God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

If you are seeking a church home, we would love to have you join us. Please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex.

A NURSERY is provided for 10:00 am worship every Sunday for infants through age 4. The nursery is located across from the restrooms in the main hallway.

COFFEE HOUR is provided after worship every Sunday. We gather in the Hall for some snacks, drinks, and fellowship. This is a great way to build community.

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### **What is the Episcopal Church Flag?**

The flag was adopted on Oct. 16, 1940. The symbolism of the flag has been explained as follows: The white field represents the purity of the Christian religion. The red cross represents the sacrifice of Jesus and the blood of the martyrs. The red cross on a white field is the cross of Saint George, the patron saint of England, indicating our descent from the Church of England. The blue in the upper left-hand corner is the light blue of the sky, often used by artists for the clothing of the Blessed Virgin. The nine white crosslets on the blue field represent the nine original dioceses of the Episcopal Church in America in 1789: Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and South Carolina. They are arranged in the form of a St. Andrew's Cross to commemorate the fact that Samuel Seabury, the first American bishop, was consecrated in Aberdeen, Scotland, on Nov. 14, 1784. The colors red, white, and blue represent the United States and stand for the American branch of the Anglican Communion.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARISH PICNIC is being celebrated today at 11:30 am in Hartridge Hall. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Bring a covered dish to share and come celebrate 250 years of freedom.

YOUTH PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be offered on Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup> at both Coffee Hours. Come for fellowship and consider a donation to help the EYC as they raise money for the diocesan Summer Local Mission in Satellite Beach.

THE OPEN PLATE OFFERING collected today will be given to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY will be observed during the month. The Christmas Tree will be located in the narthex. Please take a card and purchase the school supplies listed to help those less fortunate in our community. Items can be returned to the church or the parish office.

THE FLOWER CHART is located next to the bulletin board in the narthex. There are many openings still available. If you would like to dedicate flowers on our Altar, please check the calendar and fill out a flower request form found beside the calendar and put it in the offering plate or bring to the church office. Please do not write on the calendar.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Name Tag Sunday  
AA's and Alanon-7:00 pm

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH

Christian Bolinger	7/05	Michelle Pillow	7/07
Ed McReady	7/08	Karen Sayre	7/08
Carl Ludecke	7/10		

#### ANNIVERSARY OF WEDDING

Tom and Leah Felcher 7/06/1996  
Merrell and Nancy Beebe 7/08/1961  
Joshua and Olivia Maxwell 7/10/1999

#### ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Dorothea Branick	7/05	William Brown	7/06
Dorothy Shipes	7/06	Mona Tison	7/06
Rev. Robert Maurais	7/06	Ralph Colby	7/07
Naomi Outcalt	7/07	Hermena Scott	7/07
Blanche Edgerton	7/08	Florence Hamblin	7/08
Irene Steinhofer	7/08	Lela Gore	7/09
Marjorie Spilatore	7/11		

### PRAYERS

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Libby S. Tim Barbara G. Bob Ellen D. Brandi Cale  
Joel

#### SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

T.J. Glennon	Mary Hyland	Hunter Penley
Trevor Orr	Andrew Seley	Christian Reeves

#### CYCLE OF PRAYER

Church of the Blessed Redeemer, Palm Bay  
Grace Episcopal Church, Orlando  
For our parish members William Pixley & Betty Hensinger

## **SERVING TODAY**

	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
First Reading	Gaines Campbell	Rozann Abato
Second Reading	Tom Felcher	Michael Viel
LEM 1	Tom Felcher	Michael Viel
LEM 2	Gaines Campbell	Randall Sluder
Ushers	Steve Nichols Patti Conrader	Harry Hackney Merideth Nagel
Deacon	Deacon Mickey	Deacon Dan
Altar Guild	Leah Felcher	Cheryl Hogan
Flowers	Leah Felcher	
Screens	Jerry Marsh	Chloe King
Video	Madeline Lafler	
Nursery		Mary Humphrey Madeline Lafler
Music	Elizabeth Maxwell	Shekinah

## **PARISH LEADERSHIP**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ  
Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin Holcomb  
Priest: The Rev. Mark A. Lafler  
Deacon: The Rev. Mickey Maxwell  
Deacon: The Rev. Dan King

### VESTRY

Cheryl Hogan, Sr. Warden	Leah Felcher	Margaret Dohnalek
Steve Wilbanks, Jr. Warden	James Cartlidge	Michael Viel
Gaines Campbell	Fred Fitte	Janet Martin

### OFFICERS

Barbara Minkoff, Treasurer  
Amanda Burkhalter, Clerk

### PARISH STAFF

Admin. Asst. to Rector: Betty Welch  
Bookkeeper & Business Asst.: Amanda Burkhalter  
Family Ministries Director: The Rev. Dan King  
Preschool Director: Heather Fortson  
Shekinah Praise Team Director: Elizabeth Maxwell  
Steward: Walter Burkhalter