

THE CHURCH of the HOLY COMFORTER

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in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia

*Holy Comforter is a Christian community engaging diversity,
empowering through worship, and embracing the spiritual journey
in our church, in our community, and in the world, that all may be made whole and fully alive.*

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 6, 2025

WELCOME TO HOLY COMFORTER!

- **Guest Book** ~ Our guest book is located on a stand at the back of the church. If you are new to Holy Comforter, please sign the guest book. We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today!
- **Receiving Communion** ~ To receive, please come to the platform around the Holy Table, hold your hands out, palms up, and the clergy member will place a piece of bread in them. To receive wine from the chalice, assist the chalice bearer by holding the base and helping to guide it to your lips. We will offer one chalice from which to drink and one for intinction, dipping the bread into the wine. If you do not wish to receive the bread or the wine, we welcome you to receive a spoken blessing. To indicate this, please cross your arms on your chest. Gluten-free bread is available as is a non-alcoholic option chalice; simply ask the clergy.
- **Votive Candles** ~ You may light a candle at the votive stand in the back of the church. Votive candles may be lit before, during, or after the service.
- **Child Care** ~ Even our youngest children are welcome to remain with us in the church for the service. Enjoy our baby/toddler/young child area in the pews.
- **Restrooms** are located behind the choir area; go out the doors by the Earth banner and turn left. One of the restrooms contains a **baby-changing station**. Ushers can guide you. Additional restrooms are in the parish house, the building right next door.
- **Office Hours** ~ Our summer office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Pastoral Emergencies** ~ If you have a pastoral emergency, at any time of the day, please contact Bishop Susan Goff. Susan's phone number can be found in the parish directory. Her email address is InterimHOCO@outlook.com
- **Parking Information** ~ Please note that parking on Staples Mill Rd is diagonal back-in only. This setup ensures safety and efficient use of space. Kindly remember: The two non-diagonal "spaces" are not parking spots — they provide access to the sidewalk. Please do not park in these areas. Additional parking is available with parallel spaces on Monument Ave. and Monumental St. Thank you for your cooperation and helping keep our community safe and accessible.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymnal 657 Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever.**

The Blessing of the Children

Children are invited to gather with our clergy for a prayer and then go to Children's Chapel or return to sit with their families.

Song of Praise

Hymnal 6 Christ whose glory fills the skies

Christ Whose Glory

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading ~ Isaiah 66:10-14

Thus says the LORD: "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her-- that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66 Make a joyful noise to God

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1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!
 2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless-ings to the just:
 3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!

Great your won-ders here dis-played, un-ex-celled through-out our days.
 walked the cho-sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.
 By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de-ferred.

Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.
 Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer-cies, and re - joice!
 When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heaven-ly home.

The Second Reading ~ Galatians 6:1-16

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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The Holy Gospel ~ Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff

A period of silence follows the sermon

Nicene Creed *Book of Common Prayer, p. 358*

The Prayers of the People form III, *Book of Common Prayer, p. 387*

The Confession of Sin and Absolution *Book of Common Prayer, p. 360*

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Birthdays and Anniversaries *please come to the front during the Peace if you would like a prayer.*

Offertory Music Bring many names

Brian Wren, Carlton Young

Please support God's ministry through Holy Comforter. You may leave your offering in the plate that will be passed or use our Virtual Offering Plate <https://hocorva.churchcenter.com/giving>





Spir - it o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing and in
giv - ing. Spir - it o - pen my heart.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving, *Eucharistic Prayer B,* *Book of Common Prayer, p. 367*

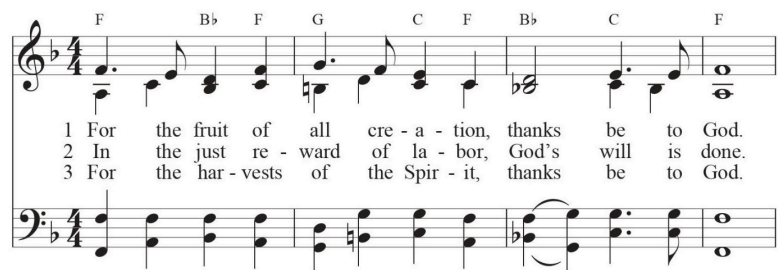
Sanctus S 130 *"S" numbers are in the front of the blue hymnal.*

The Lord's Prayer *Book of Common Prayer, p. 364*

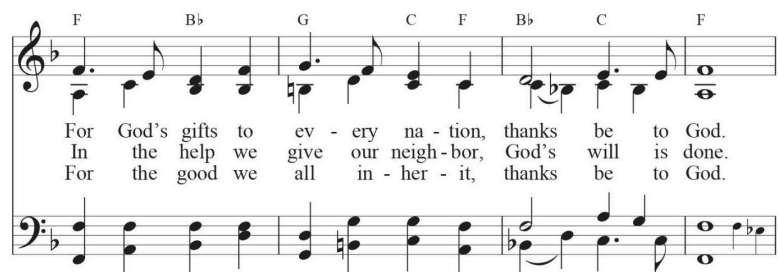
The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept. Then all sing S 152

Hymns at Communion



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For God's gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Hymn

Go to the world

Sine Nomine

1. Go to the world! Go in - to all the
 2. Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ry
 3. Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless and
 4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I

earth. Go preach the cross where
 place. Go live the Word of
 pray; the nights of tears give
 send, for I am with you

Christ re - news life's worth, bap - tiz - ing
 God's re - deem - ing grace. Go seek God's
 way to joy - ous day. As ser - vant
 'til the age shall end, when all the

as the sign of our re - birth
 pres - ence in each time and space
 Church, you fol - low Christ's own way
 hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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✠ Serving Today ✠

Presider and Preacher ~ The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff

Director of Music Ministry ~ Jim Bennett

Altar Guild ~ Nancy Deane, Maria Scott, June
Dennis

Vestry Person of the Day ~ TBD

Readers ~ Jamey Hooks, Melissa Irby

Intercessor ~ Gayle Turner

Eucharistic Ministers ~Briggett Keith, Robin
Hurdle

Crucifer ~ Maria Scott

Ushers ~ Dale Davis, Helen Reese

Streaming Director ~ Gayle Turner

Bread Baker ~ Cindi Hanayik

Recycling ~ Kipley Herr

✠ Prayers of the Community ✠

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of Nigeria.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Emmanuel, Brook Hill, Richmond.

We pray for our bishops Mark, Gayle, and Mark, Presiding Bishop Sean, and our parish clergy, Susan Briggett, Heather, and Frank.

For healing in our parish: **Deborah** Westin, **Steven** Van Voorhees, **Judy**, Harris, **Larry** Wilson, **George** Collier, **Barbara** Rose, **Barb** Davis, **Craig** Hamblin, **Fred** and **Susan** Boze, **Gayle** Turner, **Marie** McGranahan-Turner, the **Hawes Family**, **Bonnie** Steffey.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: **Caroline** Smith, **Emily** and **Brad** Souder, and their children, **Charlie** and **Sam**.

The entire prayer list for our family members and friends can be found on our website at:

https://www.hoco.org/prayer_list.htm

We pray for all leaders of national and local government, especially **Donald** and **JD, Glenn**, and **Danny**.

We pray for an **end to racism** and **anti-Semitism**.

Metro Richmond at Prayer: We pray for the governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond: For the Mayor and City Council of Richmond, the City Administrator, and all city employees.

Pray for Thomas Jefferson High School and **Franklin Military Academy**, and their students, faculty and staff.

✠ Announcements ✠

Discernment Committee ~ The Discernment Committee for the next rector has been formed. Parishioners called to serve are: Frank Castellón, Brian Davis, Claire Everett, Peggy Hombs, Deb Love, Joella Rhoades, and Phoebe Winter. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide them in their work.

Good Samaritan Sunday, Social Justice and Outreach, today! ~ On the first Sunday of the month, we focus on our Food Pantry, celebrating the work that we do and the people we serve. Wondering what to donate to our Food Pantry? **Please see our shopping list on the bulletin board in the parish hall and on our website www.hoco.org.** You are invited to bring food for our food pantry friends to the Altar Table after the Offertory Anthem during our Presentation hymn. The Food Pantry helped 27 families on 6/21/2025. Thank you for your support. Our next Good Samaritan Sunday will be **August 3rd**.

- *Beginning with this Sunday, July 6, the loose plate offerings from the first Sunday of every month will now be designated to the Food Pantry. This coincides with the Good Samaritan Sunday, also the first Sunday of every month, in which parishioners bring food to church for the Food Pantry.*

Shrine Mont Weekend HoCo Retreat! ~ Registration is now available! The HoCo family will join St. Mark's for the annual Shrine Mont parish retreat Friday, October 17 through Sunday, October 19, 2025. Enjoy delicious meals,

worship together, attend workshops, hike to the Cross (optional!), and enjoy a bonfire, skits, and sing-alongs. Free time scheduled as well! Friday dinner is 5:30 PM, and Sunday check-out is at 11:00 AM, with lunch before you head home. All ages are welcome. *Register by mail or on-line, brochures are in the Narthex. Contact Melissa Irby mirby1137@outlook.com) for more information.*

Shrine Mont Camps is in full swing! ~ Three ways you can be a part of this important ministry: 1- Pray for the campers, staff, parents, counselors, chaplains, and leadership; 2- send a post card or letter to: "Any Camper" or "Any Staff" Shrine Mont Camps, Orkney Springs, VA 22845; 3- Shrine Mont Camps has an Amazon Wishlist for those who want to support camp with supplies.

(amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lz/1BZZYVM03CZAL?ref=wl_share)

Safe Church Certification ~ We are blessed at HOCO by creative and energetic children. To ensure that they will always be safe and protected in this place, all adults who work with children and youth are certified by The Episcopal Church in Safe Church practices. In addition, everyone who holds a key at HOCO, all vestry members and all Altar Guild members must be certified in Safe Church practices. The deadline for certification is August 31, 2025. Directions for enrolling in the online training can be found on our website at:

https://www.hoco.org/safe_church_instructions.htm

Wednesday Worship ~ Centering Prayer ~ 11:45 am - 12:05 pm **Holy Eucharist** ~ 12:15 pm, in the Chapel in the Parish Hall.

Connection Time ~ *an important part of growing our community* ~ Connection Time is a designated time after our Worship Service when we gather informally to connect with one another socially, welcome newcomers, strengthen relationships within the community, and enjoy light refreshments (coffee, drinks, and snacks). To help make this ministry a success, we invite each person to consider taking on one of the following tasks on a Sunday:

1. Prepare drinks 2. Putting snacks out that will be provided by Parish Life and will be in the kitchen 3. Cleaning up after Connections. To sign up or learn more, please email or call the parish office, office@hoco.org or 804-355-3251. You may also use Signup Genius, a link to that is found on our website. Thanks for taking part in this important ministry.

Informal Artists of HoCo – UnFinished Objects UFOs ~ We'll meet in the Conference room from 10:30 – noon (ish) on Tuesdays to work on our own personal projects. Knitting, sketching, drawing, writing...good conversation and busy hands.

✧ Calendar ✧

Sunday, July 6th

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist

4:00 p.m. ~ Let Go and Let God (AA)

7:30 p.m. ~ Back to Basics (AA)

Monday, July 7th

6:45 a.m. ~ AA Meeting

6:00 p.m. ~ Men of NA

Tuesday, July 8th

6:45 a.m. ~ AA Meeting

10:30 a.m. ~ UFO (UnFinished Objects)

6:00 p.m. ~ Men at the Movies

6:30 p.m. ~ NA Meeting

Wednesday, July 9th

6:45 a.m. ~ AA Meeting

11:45 a.m. ~ Centering Prayer

12:15 p.m. ~ Holy Eucharist

Thursday, July 10th

6:45 a.m. ~ AA Meeting

12:00 p.m. ~ How Al-Anon Works

6:00 p.m. ~ Drop the Rock (12 Step)

Friday, July 11th

6:45 a.m. ~ AA Meeting

Saturday, July 12th

8:45 a.m. ~ AA Meeting

Sunday, July 13th

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist

4:00 p.m. ~ Let Go and Let God (AA)

7:30 p.m. ~ Back to Basics (AA)