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Welcome to *Seasons of the Spirit* for Pentecost and Trinitytide! This publication weaves together scripture, prayers, and lessons to inspire collaboration, community, and joy.

Trinitytide is a time for us to offer our lives to God so that He can work in us and others. I invite you to read, reflect, and share throughout the summer season.

JESUS said unto his disciples, If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. John 14:15-17.

This edition of *Seasons of the Spirit* is filled with inspiring readings about the Feast of Pentecost and the giving of the law, prayers of praise, and summertime sweets! In addition you can take a survey to reflect on your own spiritual gifts. I hope the pages of this magazine inspire you to reflect on ways you can draw closer to God throughout the season.



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GRACE

O God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Feast of Pentecost (Whitsunday) and the Giving of the Law

Bishop Charles Camlin

“Lord, have mercy upon us; and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.”

Both the Jewish rabbis at the time of Christ and the early Church Fathers said that the Feast of Pentecost, which was a Jewish celebration before it was adopted by the Church, was the commemoration of the giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai. Modern scholars are not convinced. But even if there is not an explicit connection between the events, there are certainly theological reasons to connect them. And that is what the early fathers of the Church recognized.

Consider just a few parallels between these two events. Both events took place on a mountain—the Law was given on Mt. Sinai; the Holy Spirit was given on Mt. Zion. In the Book of Exodus, the Law was given after Moses ascended upon the mountain; in the Book of Acts, the Spirit was given after Christ ascended into heaven. The Law was given with the manifestation of fire on Mt. Sinai; and when the Spirit blew into that Upper Room, tongues of fire came to rest upon those who were there. And it was at Mt. Sinai, when the covenant was ratified, that Israel was constituted as a nation (Ex 19:5-6); while we would point to the Feast of Pentecost in Acts 2 as the constitution of the New Covenant Church.

So, if we follow this out, there are parallel events concerning Israel's redemption and ours. They were delivered from bondage in Egypt and were taken to Mt. Sinai where they received the revelation of God's covenant. In the same way, we have celebrated our own Passover through the death and resurrection of Christ, who is our Passover Lamb. And now, at Pentecost (fifty days later), we commemorate receiving the Holy Spirit as the enactment of the long-promised New Covenant.

If we think about the Old Testament prophecies, which promised this New Covenant, we will begin to see these important connections. The LORD said through Jeremiah: “But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” (Jer 31:33) And in a related passage, the LORD says through Ezekiel: “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.” (Ezek 36:26-27)

So there is a clear connection between the outpouring of the Spirit in the New Covenant and the keeping of the moral Law. But there is also a profound change. Whereas the old covenant had been written by the finger of God on stone, now the Spirit of God comes to write His Law in our hearts. Under the old covenant, the Law merely said “Do this;” but in the New Covenant, the Spirit comes in power to help us walk in God’s commandments.

Of course, all of this is consistent with what our Lord teaches us in the Gospel Lesson for Whitsunday (Pentecost)—no less than three times—“If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (St. John 14:15-31). Like Israel, we have been delivered from bondage by a sheer act of God’s grace. We stood still, if you will, and watched our Savior bear our sins on the cross and rise again for our justification (cf. Ex 14:13). And then fifty days later, on Pentecost, we received His Spirit—who is now at work in us to help us keep His commandments.

God’s ultimate plan is to conform us into the image of His Son. And since His only begotten Son walked in His commandments, God also desires that His adopted children would walk in these same commandments. In our salvation, God has not only delivered us from sin, death and the devil, He is presently refashioning our hearts and minds that we might love what He loves and hate what He hates. Our Anglican heritage expresses this beautifully in our Liturgy when we recite the Ten Commandments and respond: “Lord have mercy upon us; and incline our hearts to keep this law;” and after the tenth commandment, “write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.” While acknowledging that we have fallen short of perfect obedience we strive to walk in these commandments—knowing that they are ultimately for our good and for God’s glory.

It is no accident that the Commandments are inserted into our Eucharistic Liturgy. They are a reminder of our constant need for God’s grace—both in forgiveness for our failure to keep them and for divine empowerment that we might amend our lives according to His Word. So on Pentecost, we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Ghost and His ongoing work in our hearts, inclining us to walk in Christ’s commandments.





Act of Praise

St. Augustine's Prayer Book

Praise, honor and glory be unto thee, most blessed Lord Jesus Christ, for that thou didst institute the Sacrament of thy Body and Blood, and in a wonderful and unspeakable manner dost ever abide with thy people. May Angels and men unite to sing thy praise. and give unceasing thanks for thy great goodness.

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord, praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye angels of the Lord, O ye Spirits and Souls of Righteous, O ye Priests of the Lord, Praise him and exhalt him and magnify him for ever. Amen.

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Deaconess Marisa Cappuccia



Hebrews 13:15

“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess His name.”

The theology of praise is deeply rooted in historic Anglican worship and Scripture. By praising God, we show our reverence for Him and acknowledge His holiness. The phrase “For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ” is found in the Gloria in excelsis, located in the 1928 BCP. This ancient hymn of praise and doxology is placed near the end of the communion service, just before the final blessing and dismissal.

Praise, however, is not limited to Sunday services. In Anglican spirituality, praise becomes a life of thanksgiving and obedience. Brother Lawrence, in his book *The Practice of the Presence of God*, he teaches that praise should be a continual, loving conversation with God. Rather than limiting worship to formal prayers, he advocates a lifestyle in which every mundane task is performed out of deep love for God, turning daily chores into acts of perpetual adoration. He teaches that it is a mental habit, that we must train our minds to remember that God is constantly present in our hearts, and we should continually think about His goodness. Praise should become as natural as breathing. He believes that God’s grace is present in every action, and praising God in both good times and hard times honors Him deeply.

As we grow in Christ, we come to understand that praise is not primarily an emotional expression, or a well-sung hymn, but our faithful offering of worship to God in response to His glory, grace, and salvation in Christ. “Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,” HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts...”

Let us join our praises with the invisible church in the eternal worship of God.



SEASONAL SAMPLINGS



Summertime Sweets!
Cobbler, Crisp, or Crumble?

Summertime brings with it warm sunny days and fresh fruit straight from the tree or garden. A favorite summer dessert that has been around since the 19th Century is a fruit cobbler, often served with ice cream on top! This treat was popular due to the simple ingredients required to make it: flour, sugar, butter, and fruit. Cobbler includes a fruit mixture topped with biscuit dough rather than pastry like a pie. Typically there is no crust on the bottom, although some cobblers have multiple layers of crust pushed down into the fruit as each one browns in the oven. The dropping of the biscuit dough on top often looked like cobble stones, and that may have led to the term “Cobbler.”

Other variations evolved over time with extra ingredients. Crisps and crumbles may include flour, nuts, oats, cookies, and bread crumbs to make the topping.



PEACH COBBLER

8-10 peaches, peeled and sliced

½ cup sugar

1 tsp. fresh lemon juice

1 cup all-purpose flour

1 tsp. baking powder

4 cup sugar

1 tsp. salt

8 Tbsp. butter chilled & cut into small pieces

¼ cup milk

3 Tbsp. sugar

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

2. Combine peaches, ½ cup sugar, lemon juice. Then pour into a 2 quart baking dish and bake for 10 minutes.

3. For the biscuit dough, combine flour, sugar, salt, and baking powder. Then crumble the chilled butter pieces into the flour mixture by hand or with a pastry cutter until you have a coarse meal.

4. Add the milk and stir until the dough is combined.

5. Drop the dough by spoonful on top of the peaches, sprinkle sugar on top of the entire cobbler and bake an additional 30 minutes.

APPLE, CRANBERRY, PEAR CRISP

Ingredients:

1 ½ cups peeled & sliced Granny

Smith apples

1 ½ cups peeled & sliced pears

2 cups fresh cranberries

1 cup sugar

3 Tbsp all-purpose flour

Topping:

1 ½ cups oats

½ cup all-purpose flour

½ cup brown sugar

½ cup butter melted



Combine sliced apples, pears, and cranberries. Pour into a 11x7 baking dish.

In a separate bowl, mix the topping ingredients. Sprinkle over the fruit mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 50-55 minutes.

BLACKBERRY CRUMBLE



Ingredients:

4 cups fresh or frozen blackberries
1 Tbsp. fresh squeezed lemon juice
1 large egg
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup all-purpose flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup oats
6 Tbsp. butter, melted

- Preheat oven to 375. Place blackberries in 8 inch square or 9 inch round baking dish
- Sprinkle berries with lemon juice
- Stir together egg, sugar, flour and oats until the mixture is like a crumbly meal
- Crumble the flour mixture over the blackberries
- Drizzle melted butter on top and bake for 35 minutes until topping is light brown and fruit is bubbly.
- Let the crumble sit for about 10 minutes before serving with whip cream or ice cream.



PICNIC FUN!

Location: Picnics don't have to be far away or planned in advance. Sometimes an impromptu backyard picnic provides plenty of novelty. You may also choose to visit a park, pond, beach, or landmark.

Time: The time of day may add an element of freshness too. Try a breakfast, lunch, snack or dinner picnic depending on your preference, food items, and schedule.

Ingredients: Choose easy to pack foods that won't spoil quickly. Pack a variety of items to display charcuterie style or pre-organize individual portions. Easy to pack foods may include grapes, clementines, carrots, cucumbers, cheese, a baguette, crackers, pretzels, bagels, pancakes, yogurt, water, coffee, juice, or sparkling water.

Essentials: A table cloth or blanket defines your picnic space either on a table or on the ground. Napkins, plates, cups, and utensils provide a more typical dining experience. However, eating right out of the picnic basket can work in a pinch too!

Amenities: Don't forget to pack sunscreen, a trash bag, wet wipes and/or damp cloth for clean-up.

Fun Ideas: Include your backyard sprinkler, a frisbee or ball to toss, or plan a nature scavenger hunt.



Setting the Table

Setting the table sets the stage for a family dinner, gathering with friends, or enjoying each other's company with food and fellowship. When I was growing up, time was spent each day preparing the table with dinnerware, utensils, cloth napkins, and a seasonal arrangement for decor. We prepared not only the food, but also the table for breakfast and dinner. The meal always began with prayer to offer thanks to God for the gifts before us. Routine daily tasks take on meaning and keep us mindful of the importance of the little things in life. What are your fondest memories of fellowship, food, and fun at the table?



Outdoor gatherings feature vintage table cloths and candles with essential oils and rosemary around a variety of seating arrangements for an outdoor summer event.

Theme Inspired!

Add a theme to inspire your table setting for the occasion. Mix and match casual style with fancy flair to tie the meal together! Below you will find ideas submitted by Ilana Lemke highlighting how to set your table for a variety of occasions with family and friends.

1. "Farmhouse Blue" a week night family dinner
2. "Tea at Three" for a book club gathering
3. "Coffee and Cream" to catch up with family from out of town
4. "Company's Coming" to share a generous Greek style meal



GROWTH

Almighty and everlasting God,
who hast given unto us thy
servants grace, by the confession
of a true faith, to acknowledge
the glory of the eternal Trinity,
and in the power of the Divine
Majesty to worship the Unity;
We beseech thee that thou
wouldest keep us stedfast in this
faith, and evermore defend us
from all adversities, who livest
and reignest, one God, world
without end. *Amen*

Etiquette: Greetings

Greeting others is a courteous way of taking notice of another's presence. According to Emily Post, this manners staple may be observed in various societies and cultures as a way to bring people together and show kindness, although greetings may vary in level of formality and type of gesture.

Informal greetings may include a spoken "hello" or a smile from across the room. Current slang from children or teenagers should be discouraged if not within a setting of same age peers.

Formal greetings may require the addition of a person's title, tone of voice, and posture. For example, "Hello, Mrs. Smith" or "How do you do, Bishop Camlin?" These greetings should be genuine and pleasant.

Rising to greet someone conveys respect to people older than you, religious leaders, or someone of high rank. At other times, standing may be difficult or not necessary. It is also courteous for a younger person to stand and offer their seat to an elderly person if the need arises.

Handshakes are a gesture of welcome and good faith. Offer your right hand with a firm grip.



Departing gracefully still requires a pleasant tone and appropriate word choice to end a brief formal or informal encounter. You may simply say, "Good-bye," or "It was good to see you." You can politely communicate that you don't have time to continue to visit at this time, but would like to get together again soon.

The etiquette of greeting others helps us tune in to people around us. This is an important expectation in a community and should be taught to children to establish good habits.



God is Light

Katia S. Crabb

Have you ever been far from the city and seen the stars on a clear night? Their lights are like a billion tiny crystals set against the dark sky, and their patterns seem somewhat random, but there is a peacefulness in how they are arranged. Some flicker with a bit of color, some shine brightly, and they all move together in harmony. You could spend your whole lifetime observing them, learning their names, and discovering the infinite wonders of the universe. The Apostle Paul says that we can know God through His creation. “For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood from His workmanship” (Romans 1:20). If we look closely at the beauty of creation, we can see complexity and depth that is like an infinite golden chain stretching out beyond our gaze. The Scriptures, like the stars, are also part of God’s creation, clearly shining with the fire of His Holy Spirit and created in synergy with human writers.

All of Scripture is inspired by God (2Ti 3:16), not merely a collection of human writings, but a divine revelation, a reflection of His beauty. This revelation is the witness of God Himself, so there is harmony and unity in them, like a 'music of the spheres.' Even though many of the books of the Bible were written over various times, we refer to them as the Bible, one book, and one story from Genesis to Revelation. The Scriptures unfold over time, and so does our understanding. Yet, being they are a revelation of God, some parts will always seem strange, wild, and surprising.

As we search the Scriptures, we encounter various types of writing: poetry, wisdom, songs, and everyday events like meals, weddings, and funerals. Most of these writings are easy to understand as stories because they are written clearly in everyday language. However, we may struggle with some passages, and it is continuing in this struggle where we will find the deeper meanings that at first seem unclear. Often, we can understand the more difficult passages in light of the easier ones. God stoops to us in many ways, even in the Scriptures, so that we can understand Him and ourselves, and ultimately, they are the revelation of our salvation through Christ.

The biblical writers were not mere scribes but active collaborators with the Holy Spirit in writing God's story, as He makes "His ministers a flame of fire" (Ps. 104:5). His grace did not abolish their human freedom but enhanced their gifts, a testament to the divine-human partnership. The Psalmist praising God says, "O Lord my God, You are very great: You are clothed with honor and majesty, Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain...You send forth Your Spirit and they are created and You renew the face of the earth (Ps. 104:1-2, 30). The Holy Spirit renews man and creation and shines through the biblical writers like light through a prism. As we read, we should wait on the Spirit to clarify what we need to understand and not rely on our own wits. What we do understand is for our benefit, and what we do not is there to encourage us to keep searching. For example, the Lord's teaching was simple as He often used everyday examples that pointed to deeper truths and heavenly realities. Remember the night Nicodemus met with the Lord? There was much he didn't understand, yet he would later defend Jesus before the Sanhedrin and publicly helped prepare and entomb the Lord's body.

So, you do not need to worry if you don't comprehend all parts of the Bible. Be thankful that our God is beyond our understanding and know He will clearly give you what you need daily in your reading. I will leave you with the third part of Saint John Chrysostom's prayer before reading the Bible.

"On you do I set my hope, on my God, that you shall enlighten my mind and understanding with the light of your knowledge; not only to cherish those things which are written, but to do them."



Welcome the Holy Spirit

Melissa McGough



When we think of Pentecost, our first thought is not usually that it is the perfect time for families to pause and recharge. Yet this “Birthday of the Church” is a beautiful reminder that we are never meant to do anything alone — and that includes parenting. The Holy Spirit provides the exact patience, comfort, and wisdom we need for the chaotic days of motherhood.

While many mothers may feel like they haven’t talked to another adult in days, the work we are doing is a lifelong commitment to light a fire in our children’s hearts for God, no matter their age. The home is our fortress — a place where we can protect our children while welcoming the Holy Spirit to move freely among us.

That is a powerful ministry to be part of, but that doesn’t mean it is easy. Mothers can still experience burnout, feel overwhelmed, or wonder if they are equipped for the task. During those difficult sibling squabbles or midnight wake-up calls, remember that just as the Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the boldness they needed, He is also the ultimate source of strength for our daily mothering. Let us find ways to celebrate the strength and boldness of Pentecost with our children and families.

Some fun ways to teach kids about Pentecost:

- **Bake a Birthday Cake**

Celebrate the Church’s birthday with a cake! Use red frosting colored with cherry juice or freeze-dried strawberries to represent the tongues of fire.

- **Wear Red**

Dress your family in red to help children recognize that this is a special celebration.

- **Play a Listening Game**

Help your kids learn about listening to the Holy Spirit. Try a blindfolded obstacle course where they must navigate by listening only to your voice.

*Pray with children.
Pray for children.
Encourage children to pray.*

Family Prayer for Children

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Almighty God, heavenly Father,
who hast blessed us with the joy
and care of children; Give us light
and strength so to train them,
that they may love whatsoever
things are true and pure and
lovely and of good report,
following the example of their
Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen*





Spiritual Gifts

I CORINTHIANS 4-II

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another diverse kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues; but all these worketh that one and the self-same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

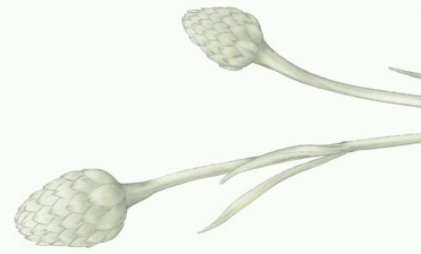
Spiritual Gifts Survey

Directions: This is not a test, so there are no wrong answers. The Spiritual Gifts Survey consists of 80 statements. Some items reflect concrete actions, other items are descriptive traits, and still others are statements of belief.

- Select the one response you feel best characterizes yourself and place that number in the blank provided. Record your answer in the blank beside each item.
- Do not spend too much time on any one item. Remember, it is not a test. Usually your immediate response is best.
- Please give an answer for each item. Do not skip any items.
- Do not ask others how they are answering or how they think you should answer.
- Work at your own pace.

Your response choices are:

- 5 - Highly characteristic of me/definitely true for me
- 4 - Most of the time this would describe me/be true for me
- 3 - Frequently characteristic of me/true for me- about 50 percent of the time
- 2 - Occasionally characteristic of me/true for me- about 25 percent of the time
- 1 - Not at all characteristic of me/definitely untrue for me



- ____1. I have the ability to organize ideas, resources, time, and people effectively
- ____2. I am willing to study and prepare for the task of teaching.
- ____3. I am able to relate the truths of God to specific situations.
- ____4. I have a God-given ability to help others grow in their faith.
- ____5. I possess a special ability to communicate the truth of salvation.
- ____6. I have the ability to make critical decisions when necessary.
- ____7. I am sensitive to the hurts of people.
- ____8. I experience joy in meeting needs through sharing possessions.
- ____9. I enjoy studying.
- ____10. I have delivered God's message of warning and judgement.
- ____11. I am able to sense the true motivation of persons and movements.
- ____12. I have a special ability to trust God in difficult situations.
- ____13. I have a strong desire to contribute to the establishment of new churches.
- ____14. I take action to meet physical and practical needs rather than merely talking about or planning how to help.
- ____15. I enjoy entertaining guests in my home.
- ____16. I can adapt my guidance to fit the maturity of those working with me.
- ____17. I can delegate and assign meaningful work.
- ____18. I have an ability and desire to teach.
- ____19. I am usually able to analyze a situation correctly.
- ____20. I have a natural tendency to encourage others.
- ____21. I am willing to take the initiative in helping other Christians grow in their faith.
- ____22. I have an acute awareness of other people's emotions, such as loneliness, pain, fear, and anger.
- ____23. I am a cheerful giver.
- ____24. I spend time digging into facts.
- ____25. I feel that I have a message from God to deliver to others.

- ____26. I can recognize when a person is genuine/honest.
- ____27. I am a person of vision (a clear mental portrait of a preferable future given by God). I am able to communicate vision in such a way that others commit to making the vision a reality.
- ____28. I am willing to yield to God's will rather than question and waver.
- ____29. I would like to be more active in getting the gospel to people in other countries.
- ____30. It makes me happy to do things for people in need.
- ____31. I am successful in getting a group to do its work joyfully.
- ____32. I am able to make strangers feel at ease.
- ____33. I have the ability to teach to a variety of different learning styles.
- ____34. I can identify those who need encouragement.
- ____35. I have trained Christians to be more obedient disciples of Christ.
- ____36. I am willing to do whatever it takes to see others come to Christ.
- ____37. I am drawn to people who are hurting.
- ____38. I am a generous giver.
- ____39. I am able to discover new truths in Scripture.
- ____40. I have spiritual insights from Scripture concerning issues and people that compel me to speak out.
- ____41. I can sense when a person is acting in accordance with God's will.
- ____42. I can trust in God even when things look dark.
- ____43. I can determine where God wants a group to go and help it get there.
- ____44. I have a strong desire to take the gospel to places where it has never been heard.
- ____45. I enjoy reaching out to new people in my church and community.
- ____46. I am sensitive to the needs of people.
- ____47. I have been able to make effective and efficient plans for accomplishing the goals of a group.
- ____48. I often am consulted when fellow Christians are struggling to make difficult decision.
- ____49. I think about how I can comfort and encourage others in my congregation.
- ____50. I am able to give spiritual direction to others.
- ____51. I am able to present the gospel to lost persons in such a way that they accept the Lord and His salvation.
- ____52. I possess an unusual capacity to understand the feelings of those in distress.
- ____53. I have a strong sense of stewardship based on the recognition that God owns all things.



- ____54. I have delivered to other persons messages that have come directly from God.
- ____55. I can sense when a person is acting under God's leadership.
- ____56. I try to be in God's will continually and be available for His use.
- ____57. I feel that I should take the gospel to people who have different beliefs from me.
- ____58. I have an acute awareness of the physical needs of others.
- ____59. I am skilled in setting forth positive and precise steps of action.
- ____60. I like to meet visitors at church and make them feel welcome.
- ____61. I explain Scripture in such a way that others understand it.
- ____62. I can usually see spiritual solutions to problems.
- ____63. I welcome opportunities to help people who need comfort, consolation, encouragement, and counseling.
- ____64. I feel at ease in sharing Christ with nonbelievers.
- ____65. I can influence others to perform to their highest God-given potential.
- ____66. I recognize the signs of stress and distress in others.
- ____67. I desire to give generously and unpretentiously to worthwhile projects and ministries.
- ____68. I can organize facts into meaningful relationships.
- ____69. God gives me messages to deliver to His people.
- ____70. I am able to sense whether people are being honest when they tell of their religious experiences.
- ____71. I enjoy presenting the gospel to persons of other cultures and backgrounds.
- ____72. I enjoy doing little things that help people.
- ____73. I can give a clear, uncomplicated presentation of the gospel.
- ____74. I have been able to apply biblical truth to the specific needs of my church.
- ____75. God has used me to encourage others to live Christlike lives.
- ____76. I have sensed the need to help other people become more effective in their ministries.
- ____77. I like to talk about Jesus to those who do not know Him.
- ____78. I have the ability to make strangers feel comfortable in my home.
- ____79. I have a wide range of study resources and know how to secure information.
- ____80. I feel assured that a situation will change for the glory of God even when the situation seems impossible.



GIVING



Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

I Bind Unto Myself Today

ST. PATRICK

I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.

I bind unto myself today
the virtues of the star-lit heaven,
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,
the whiteness of the moon at even,
the flashing of the lightning free,
the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
the stable earth, the deep salt sea
around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today
the power of God to hold and lead,
his eye to watch, his might to stay,
his ear to hearken to my need;
the wisdom of my God to teach,
his hand to guide, his shield to ward,
the word of God to give me speech,
his heavenly host to be my guard.

I bind unto myself the name,
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three,
of whom all nature hath creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation:
salvation is of Christ the Lord.

The Committee on Women's Ministry

“Women need women. No one understands a woman better than another woman. We may all be unique in our backgrounds and experiences, our talents and abilities, our weaknesses and our strengths, but put us together and we can accomplish a lot.”

Lyla Wildermuth, a past Chairman of The Committee on Women's Work



The Committee on Women's Ministry is a ministry of the Reformed Episcopal Church. More information about this committee and the work they do can be found online at <https://rec-cowm.org/> and https://www.facebook.com/RECCOWM/directory_intro

The Committee on Women's Work is in charge of five projects annually:

The Women's Day Project Luncheon is a program of spiritual and inspirational blessing including a banquet and presentation of denominational needs by the REC bishops. The 2026 Women's Day Project Offering Goal was to raise a minimum of \$10,000 to assist in printing 1,000 pocket size Books of Common Prayer to be presented to individuals at the time of their confirmation as members of the church.

The Spiritual Enrichment Conference (SEC) is designed to provide spiritual fellowship, instruction, and opportunity for women to participate and to grow in the knowledge of Christ and be strengthened as members of His Body. Details for the SEC 2026 will be available by July 2026.

Annual Publication of Devotional Booklets provide a ten-month devotional study guide, beginning in September or October through June or July.

Dates to Remember is a list of important dates from each diocese to provide awareness of denominational functions so as to avoid scheduling conflicts. This list is updated periodically.

Maintain a "Mailing Address" List of all Reformed Episcopal Churches.

When Ye Pray...Pray Ye



Orders are now being accepted for the 2026-2027 Devotional Book titled, "When ye pray...Pray ye:" *A Study in the Lord's Prayer*. This devotional is a reprint of the 1979-1980 Devotional Study written by The Late Rev. Dr. Fred C. Kuehner, Th.D., D.D.

The books are available for a donation of \$6.00 per copy. Contributions to help defray the cost of shipping will be appreciated. In an effort to determine the number of books needed to print, orders should be received by **Saturday, June 27, 2026**. Orders received after this date will be filled based on availability. The books will be shipped by mid-August.

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2026-2027 Devotional Book Order Form

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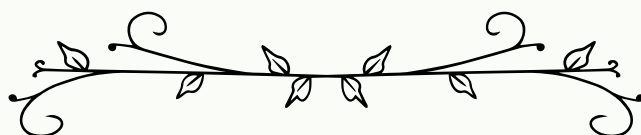
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MAIL this completed form along with your check made payable to the Committee on Women's Ministry to:

**Mrs. Brenda Dunmeyer
4356 Royal Harbor Road
Hollywood, SC 29449**



Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5

The women of the REC today are engaged in both local and foreign mission fields. They are using their unique abilities, talents and spiritual gifts to spread the gospel, demonstrate the love of Christ, and grow the church around the world. Women throughout the REC are providing material support to missionaries, praying for missions, participating in mission projects, planting churches, and working in every aspect of mission. Learn more about the REC Board of Foreign Missions, their history, missionaries and how to be involved at <https://rec-bfm.org>. To God be the glory!





HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD, GOD ALMIGHTY!

REGINALD HEBER, 1823

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

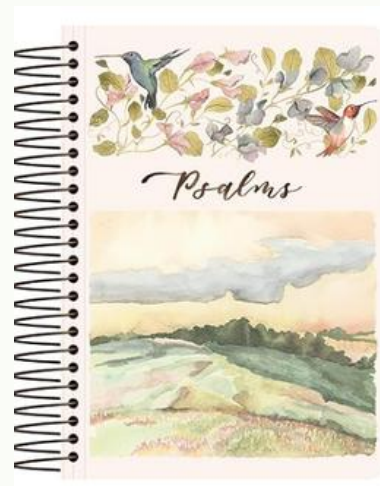
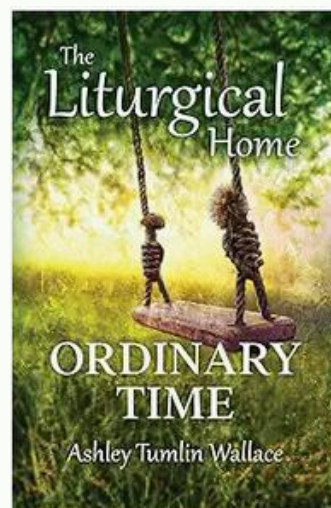
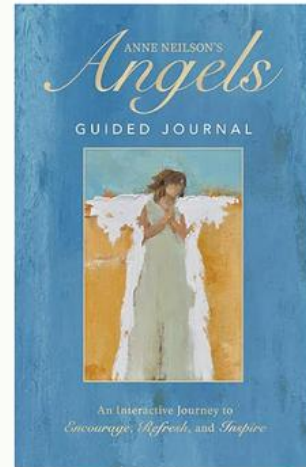
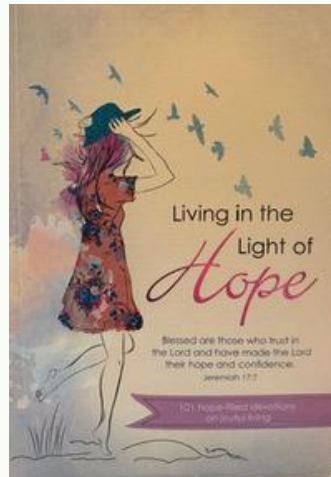
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,
Who was and is and evermore shall 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 Next Chapter



Living in the Light of Hope, 101 Hope filled devotions of joyful living

Anne Neilson's Angels Guided Journal, 40 days of inspirational stories with writing prompts and journaling space

The Liturgical Home is a series of books written by Ashley Tumlin Wallace to help families celebrate the seasons of the church year. Each book includes an introduction to the season, ways to celebrate, and devotions. Available on Amazon

ESV Scripture Journal, Spiral-Bound Edition: Psalms (Artwork by Ruth Chou Simons) features the complete book of Psalms with lightly ruled pages opposite each page of Bible text to record thoughts and sketches as you read and write. Available on Amazon

The Silver Chalice

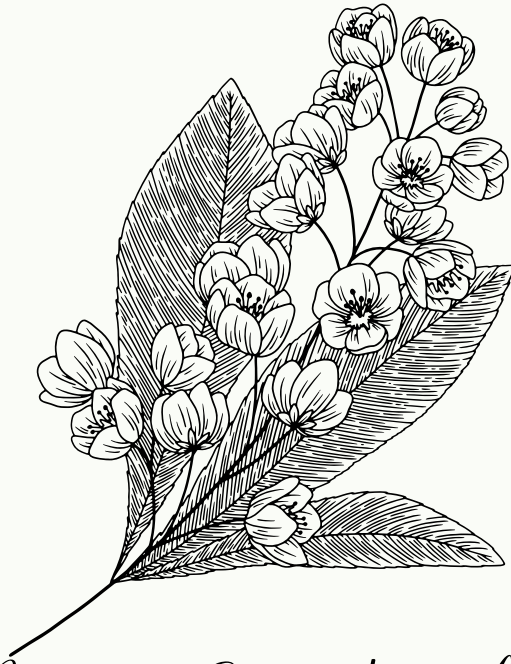


THE SILVER CHALICE
Gift Shop & Bookstore

The Silver Chalice Gift Shop and Bookstore is a volunteer-run ministry of Holy Communion Women (HCW). Located in Lunt Hall at Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral in Dallas, TX. The store offers a unique selection of gifts for all ages, including a variety of Christian books for children and adults, Bibles, *The 1928 Book of Common Prayer*, and a growing list of Anglican authors.

Proceeds from sales, along with fundraising events hosted by HCW, support a variety of ministries within the church, the diocese, and the community at large. Since 2007, over \$160,000 in monetary and non-monetary contributions has been given out.





Share Your Spiritual Gifts

Seasons of the Spirit will be a quarterly publication to inspire women in the REC and to build community. Every one of us has gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit. If you would like to contribute an article, recipe, photograph, book recommendation, poem, favorite scripture, etc. I ask you to prayerfully consider submitting your ideas. Below are the upcoming editions.

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(FALL, 2026)

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