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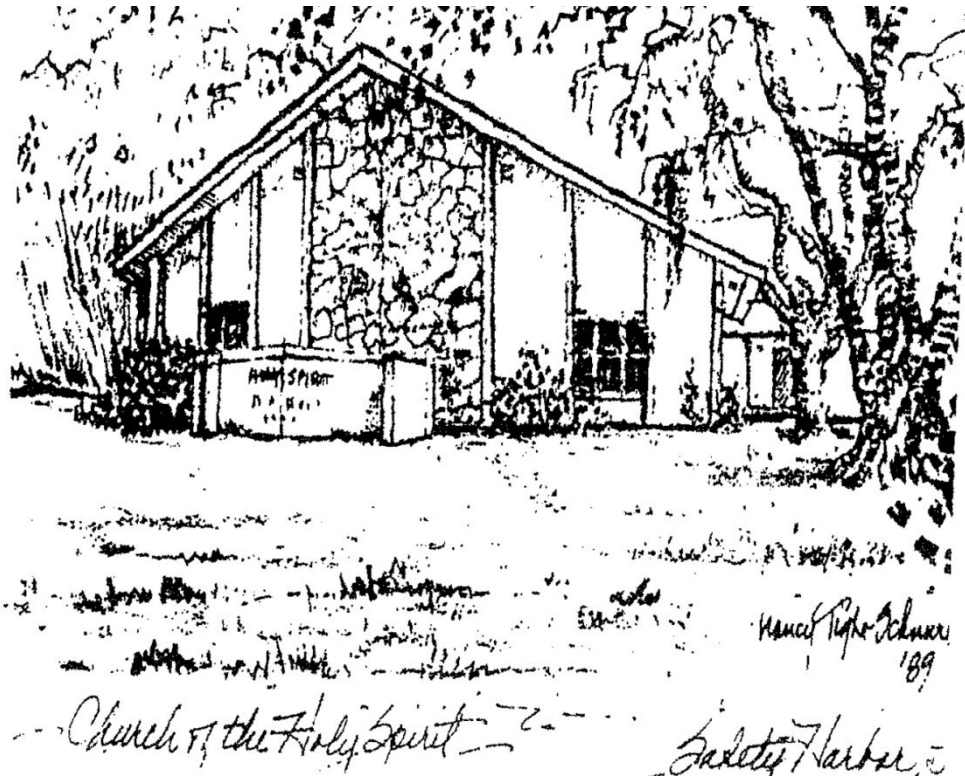
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## **The Mission of Our Diocese**

Honor our Tradition, Build for the Future, Mercy in Mission

## **The Vision of Our Parish**

To be the Body of Christ here and now—reaching out to welcome all, witnessing to God's love in our lives, and sharing that love with others.

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Reverend Raynald S. Bonoan, Rector

The Reverend Joseph H. Diaz, Assisting Priest

2 EASTER

APRIL 7, 2024

## Holy Communion—Rite II

The Word of God

Prayer Book 355

Gloria

Prayer Book 356

The Collect

Prayer Book 357

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## First Lesson

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## The Psalm

### Psalm 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## The Epistle

### 1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of

life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### **The Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

### **John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

**Sermon**

Nicene Creed  
Prayers of the People—Form III  
Announcements and Blessings  
The Offertory  
The Great Thanksgiving—Prayer A  
Salutation  
Sanctus  
The Lord's Prayer  
The Breaking of the Bread  
Invitation of Communion (All baptized persons are invited)  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

**The Rev. Raynald Bonoan**

Prayer Book 358  
Prayer Book 387  
  
Prayer Book 361  
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Prayer Book 365

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE! OR CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR GIVING ON-LINE.**

**Intercessions: (*Urgent needs this week*): Dennis, George, Heather, Jackson, Sharon, Manolo, Constante, Julia, Tucker, Ronna, Diane, Mary, Denise, Suzanne, Linda, Glenn, Kaylee, Ken, Bishop Curry, Lori, Ron, Newton, Sue, Katrina, Ella, Jett, Pat and family, Manny, Jacquelyne, Sarah, Benjamin, Vivian, Dr. Le, Keith, Sonya, Cindy, Bob, Denise, Steven, John, Isagani, Max, Marlene, Kathy, Stephanie, Richard, Linda, Julie, Wyatt, Malia, Molly, Mary, for the people of the Ukraine and Russia, and the Holy Land, for all first responders and health care workers, for The Coalition Against Human Trafficking, the Victims of Human Trafficking, for the migrant workers, for all hostages in the world, all innocent victims of violence, and for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, and Honduras. Pray for Justice and Peace.**

**We pray for those who have died. Pray for their families and friends.**

**We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially Leah, Bill and Susan, and John and Sharon.**