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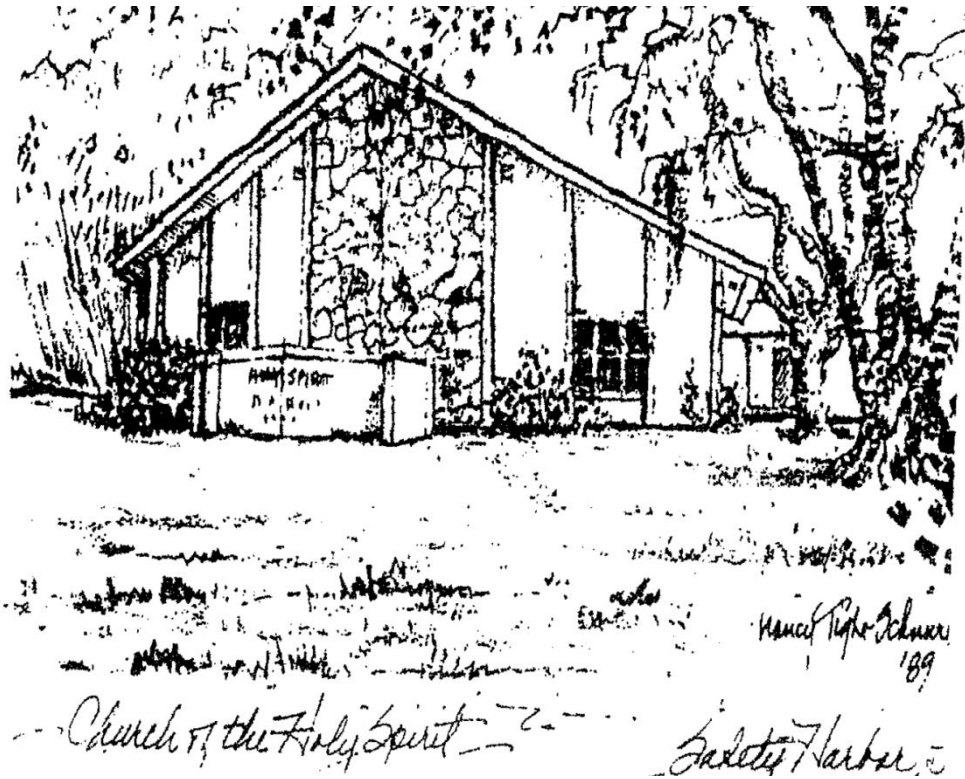
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## The Mission of Our Diocese

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

14 PENTECOST

AUGUST 29, 2021

### Holy Communion—Rite II

The Word of God

Prayer Book 355

Gloria

Prayer Book 356

The Collect

Prayer Book 357

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### First Lesson

#### Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### The Psalm

#### Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;

let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*

my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

2 You are the fairest of men; \*

grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*

a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;

you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \*

with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, \*

and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \*

on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

## **The Epistle**

### **James 1:17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **The Gospel**

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

### **Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness,

deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People—Form III

Confession, Absolution and Peace

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 360

Prayer Book 361

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Prayer Book 365

**DIOCESAN PRAYER:** Gracious God, as we walk by faith the shared journey of choosing a bishop for the Diocese of Southwest Florida, nurture within us discerning hearts and minds hopeful for possibilities yet to be revealed. Send us a caring leader, we pray, who will uniquely delight in the diverse and abundant gifts of this diocese, which so richly reflect your unity in diversity. Equip our human eyes and ears with divine recognition for the chief pastor of this diocese whom you have chosen to lead us in the ever-unfolding mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Intercessions:** (*Urgent needs this week*): **Dennis, Jerry, Tammy, James, Ken, Sharon, Mimi, Glad, Cindy, Bishop Dabney, John, Felimon, Constante, Manecia, Nida, Ferdinand, Eden, Perlita, Barbara, Rick, Becky, Steve, all first responders and health care workers, all those who suffer from the Coronavirus and their families and friends, for the victims of the Haitian earthquake, for The Coalition Against Human Trafficking, the Victims of Human Trafficking, for the migrant workers, and for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Dominican Republic and the Philippines. Pray for Justice.**

**We pray for those who have died, especially the victims of the coronavirus and the Haitian earthquake. Pray for their families and friends.**

**We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially Richard.**

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