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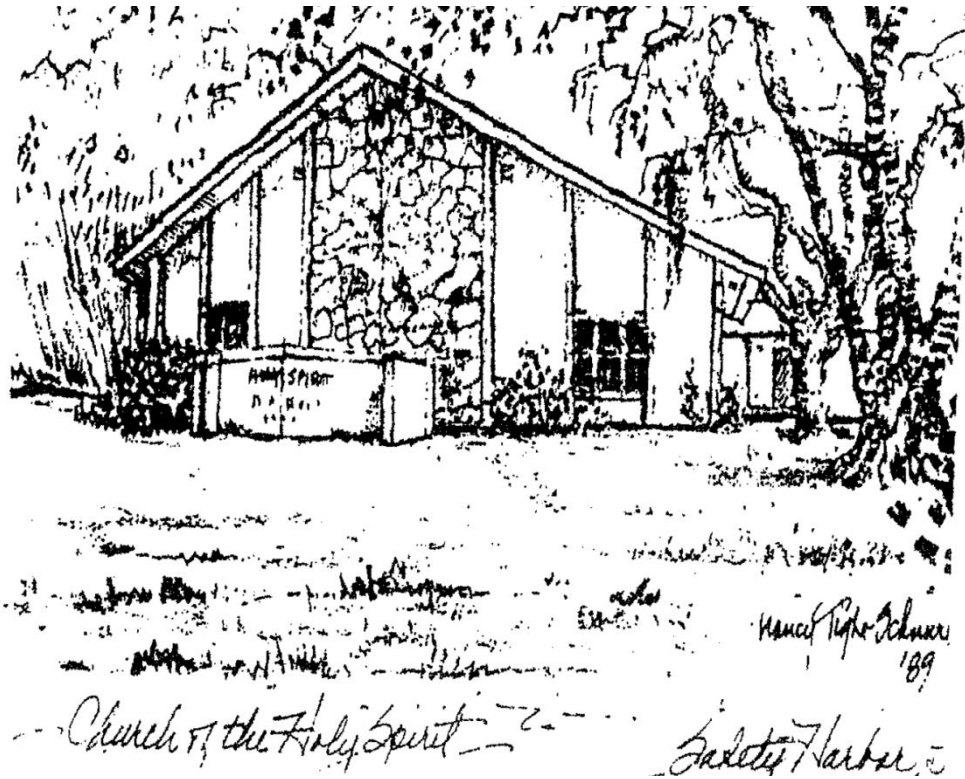
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## The Mission of Our Diocese

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

18 PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

### Holy Communion—Rite II

The Word of God

Prayer Book 355

Gloria

Prayer Book 356

The Collect

Prayer Book 357

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### First Lesson

#### **Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22**

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### The Psalm

#### **Psalm 124**

1 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;

- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;  
3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;  
4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;  
5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.  
6 Blessed be the LORD! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.  
7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

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 5:13-20**

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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 9:38-50**

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it

would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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, Avery, Cindy, Bishop Dabney, John, Felimon, Constante, Manecia, Nida, Ferdinand, Eden, Perlita, Barbara, Rick, Becky, Steve, Bill and Karen, all first responders and health care workers, all those who suffer from the Coronavirus and their families and friends, 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. Pray for their families and friends.**

**We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially Ed, Stephanie, Mike, and Rebecca.**

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