

May 17, 2026
 Seventh Sunday of Easter
 The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 10:00 A.M.

We Gather in the Name of God

PRELUDE: Fairest Lord Jesus | Tune: CRUSADER'S HYMN | Setting by Joel Raney

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: H-450 | All hail the power of Jesus' name (*verses 1, 2, 3, & 6*)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

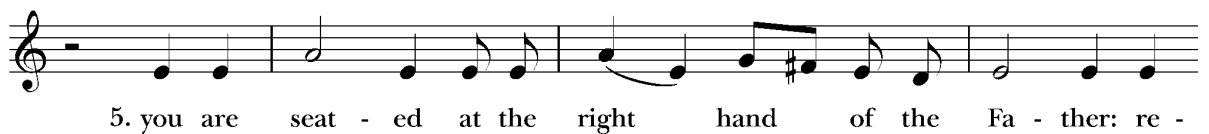
Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
All ***The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!***

GLORIA:

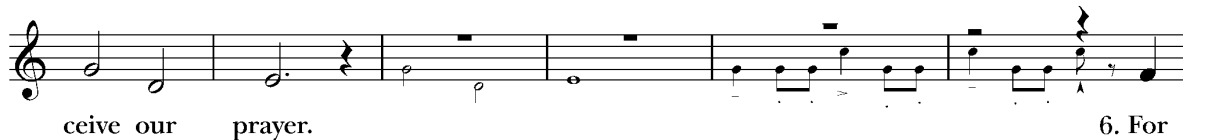
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



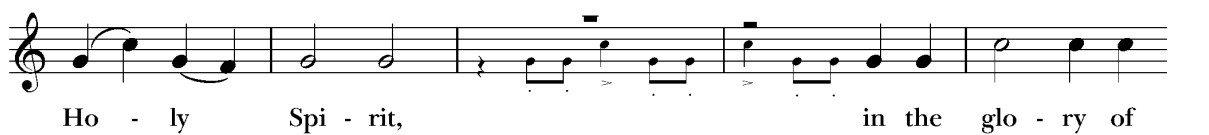
ceive our prayer. 6. For




you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray together. *A moment of Silence*

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

At this time, Sunday School Children will meet our Sunday School Team at the back of the church to walk together to the Roberta Miller Learning Cottage. They will learn about prayer and liturgy until we complete the Eucharistic Prayer. They will then rejoin us in the Lord's Prayer and remain until the end of the service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world; Stranger, friend, and neighbor too, He loves them as he loves you. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

We Hear the Word of God

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 47

Prayed responsively by whole verse

1. Clap your hands, all you peoples;*
shout to God with a cry of joy.
2. ***For the LORD Most High is to be feared;*
he is the great King over all the earth.***

3. He subdues the peoples under us,*
and the nations under our feet.
4. *He chooses our inheritance for us,*
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.*
5. God has gone up with a shout,*
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
6. *Sing praises to God, sing praises;*
sing praises to our King, sing praises.*
7. For God is King of all the earth;*
sing praises with all your skill.
8. *God reigns over the nations;*
God sits upon his holy throne*
9. The nobles of the peoples have gathered together*
with the people of the God of Abraham.
10. *The rulers of the earth belong to God,*
and he is highly exalted.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL HYMN: H-222 | Rejoice, the Lord of life ascends

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 24:44-53
All ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

⁴⁴Jesus said to his disciples, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”
⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord!
All ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

You may be seated at the invitation of the Preacher.

We Respond to the Word of God

THE SERMON – The Rev. Anne Weatherholt

The sermon is followed by a period of silence.

THE NICENE CREED

Stand as you are able

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR ASCENSION

Deacon Come, let us pray with thanksgiving to him who ascended with great triumph to God's heavenly kingdom, responding to each petition by saying, "Hear us, Ascended Lord."

Open our minds to understand the truth of holy scripture, fashioning our lives to proclaim its saving message, and bearing witness to the power of forgiveness and mercy; for this we pray.
Hear us, ascended Lord.

Send us into places of poverty and despair, that we may feed the hungry, comfort those who are ill, be present to the lonely, offer hope to the downtrodden, and reveal the healing power of the Risen and Ascended Christ; for this we pray.
Hear us, ascended Lord.

Turn our hearts toward your will, that we may choose new life, receive the grace of your forgiveness, and bear witness to your loving and sacrificial hope; for this we pray.
Hear us, ascended Lord.

Move the leaders of Church and government to guide us into a simplicity of living, discovering our worth through virtuous living, and leaving behind the false promises of the world's wealth; for this we pray.
Hear us, ascended Lord.

Give us faith to perceive that Christ dwells with his Church on earth and prepares for us a heavenly mansion, for this we pray.
Hear us, ascended Lord.

In thanksgiving for the faith of the apostles, whose devotion to Jesus inspires our holy and life-giving commitment to proclaim his message today; for this we pray.
Hear us, ascended Lord.

With the freedom of an enlightened heart, we join in the inheritance of the saints, especially St. Nicholas, as we continue our prayers and thanksgivings. (You may add your prayers and petitions)

THE CLOSING COLLECT

Deacon [For the Mission of the Church, Book of Common Prayer, page 257]

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you, bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All ***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Stand as you are able

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All ***And also with you.***

We Offer our Gifts to God

THE OFFERTORY

*We remember Christ's offering & offer ourselves in return.
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Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and Sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM King of All Ages, Throned on High | Words: 10th-cent. Latin, tr. Mount Saint Bernard Abbey | Music: Paul Isom

King of all ages, throned on high, yet saviour too of those with faith,
Death at your onslaught died in fear and grace triumphant rules supreme.

Risen from death, the heav'nly Christ receives from God the Father's hand
Power over all created things: a gift he could not know on earth.

Then at your coming on the clouds with shining strength to be our judge,
Cancel the debt we owe you still, give back the glory we have lost.

Glory, glory to you, O Christ, exalted from our sight,
Reigning for evermore, with Father and with Paraclete. Amen

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING H 380 - From All that Dwell below the Skies

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

At this time, Sunday School Children will return to the church.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All ***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.***

We Break the Bread of Life

A moment of Silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us!

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR THOSE JOINING ON-LINE

All In Union, O Lord with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and the life to come. Amen.

We Share the Gifts of God

In this church, all are invited to come to the altar. Approach the altar by the center aisle. Take a paper cup if you do not want to use the common cup and make a semi-circle. Receive a piece of bread to eat and offer your cup for the wine -OR- drink from the common cup. If you want only a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. If you desire a gluten free wafer hold up 2 fingers. Wait until the Celebrant says, "Go in peace." to return to your seats.

If you wish to ask for prayers, our prayer team will be in the back of the Church today during the Communion. Feel free to stop and ask them to pray with you.

COMMUNION HYMN: H-307 | Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray

Stand as you are able

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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We Go Forth in the Name of God

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: H-215 | See, the Conqueror mounts in triumph

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth to become a beloved community of God’s grace where all belong.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

All ***Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

POSTLUDE: Crown Him with Many Crowns | George J. Elvey | Arr. by Jenifer Cook

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