

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
8:30 and 10:30 am • May 17, 2026

ABBREVIATIONS: **BCP** Book of Common Prayer | **CG** A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist | **LEVAS II** Lift Every Voice and Sing II | **WLP** Wonder, Love and Praise

THE PRELUDE

Prelude for Ascension

John Ludlow

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

214. Hail that day that sees Him rise

Llanfair

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355 | CG 3

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People **The Lord is Risen Indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SONG OF PRAISE

8:30 Glory to God

BCP 356 | CG 5

10:30 S280

Glory to God in the highest

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

THE CHILDREN'S HOMILY (10:30)

After the homily, the children aged 3–11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 68: 1-10, 33-36

Exsurgat Deus

8:30 *The psalm will be read antiphonally by whole verse by side of the church, beginning with the Narthex side.*

10:30 *Chanted*



Choir:

- 1 Let God arise, and let his | enemies ● be | scattered; *
 let those who | hate ● him | flee ● be | fore him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind | drives it ● a | way; *
 as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked | perish ● at the | presence
 ● of | God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and re | joice be ● fore | God; *
 let them | also ● be | merry ● and | joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who | rides u ● pon the |
 heavens; *
 YAHWEH is his | Name, ● re | joice ● be | fore him!

Choir & Congregation:

- 5 Father of orphans, de | fender ● of | widows, *
 God in his | ho ● ly | ha ● bi | tation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners | in ● to | freedom; *
 but the | rebels ● shall | live in ● dry | places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth be | fore ● your | people, *
 when you | marched— | through ● the | wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the |
 God ● of | Sinai, *
 at the presence of | God, ● the | God ● of | Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon | your ● in | heritance; *
 you refreshed the | land ● when | it ● was | weary.

10 Your people | found ● their | home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have | made ● pro | vision ● for the | poor.

33 Sing to God, O | kingdoms ● of the | earth; *
sing | prais ● es | to ● the | Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the | an ● cient | heavens; *
he sends forth his | voice, ● his | might ● y | voice.

35 Ascribe | power ● to | God; *
his majesty is over Israel; his | strength ● is | in ● the | skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his | ho ● ly | places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! | Bles ● sed |
be— | God!

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

LEVAS 120. Sweet Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place

(Sing vs. 1 and 2 before the reading of the gospel.

Sing vs. 3 after the gospel.)



1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place,
 2. There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive
 3. If you say He saved you from your sin,



And I know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord.
 Till you know Him in His full - ness, and be - lieve.
 Now you're weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in,



There are sweet ex - pres - sions on each face,
 You're the one to pro - fit when you say,
 you can make it right if you will yield;



And I know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
 "I am going to walk with Je - sus all the way."
 You'll en - joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel.



Refrain
 Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,



Stay right here with us, fill - ing us with your love.



And for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in praise; With - out a



doubt we'll know that we have been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Ryan Parker

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358 | CG 9

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

These prayers were written by the youth confirmation class.

Heavenly Father who reigns over all your people, you perform miracles and through you nothing is impossible. Grant that we may hear your holy answers so that we may feel your love in us everyday.

We pray for your Holy Universal Church, all its past, present, and future members. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Guide the leaders of our nation. Our president, Donald, our governor, Josh, our mayor, Janet, and all local leaders. Help them to keep in mind the needs of all people. Give them strength and compassion to truly and humbly serve you and all the citizens of their region in order to keep everyone safe and respected. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the welfare of the world, in the communion of all those and all of the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ. We pray for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. We pray that they may find and be found by you. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the concerns of the local community, for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, anxiety and oppression. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in distress, and those in any trouble. We pray for the divine comfort of those who need it. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list, including Alice, Barry, Betty, Bill, Catherine, Chuck, Diane, Eva, Jan, Jane, Liz, Maxine, Nancy, Nancy, Peggy, Remmy, and Tom. And for our friends and family, especially Andrea, Caline, Carl, Charlie, Clarence, Danielle, Declan, Denise, Dorothy, Edith, Evonne, Gemma, Hannah, Heather, Jodi, Joelle, John, John, Joseph, Kate, Katherine, Keili, Ken, Leeann, Lois, Lori, Margaret, Moira, Nathan, Nicole, Nik, Peter, Renee, Rosalie, Roy, Sandy, Sandy, Sara, Shannon, Shannon, Sharon, Stephanie, the Fish Family, the Griffin Family, the Martinez Family, the Sneed Family, Will, and Patrick. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the departed including Richard Walsh. Let light perpetual shine upon them. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

The people may add their own petitions.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

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, ev'n the Spirit of truth.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Doxology with Alleluias

Thomas Ken

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures

here be - low. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and

Ho - ly Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369 | CG 41

SANCTUS

10:30 S130

BCP 371 | CG 43

Franz Schubert

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Traditional Version

BCP 364 | CG 45

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

BCP 364 | CG 47

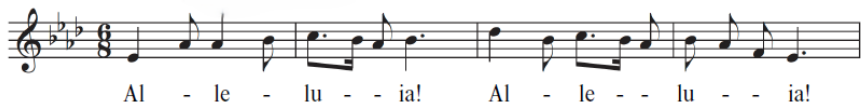
8:30 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

10:30 Celtic Alleluia

O'Carrol/Walker

Refrain



1 Now he is living, the Christ: Out of the tomb He is ris'n! He has conquered death, opened Heaven to all believers!

2 Christ is the first fruits from death, filling the church with His glory! Darkness vanishes in the light of His power.

THE COMMUNION HYMN

460. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

THE SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body,
because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365 | CG 25

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 BLESSING

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN:

215. See the Conqueror mounts in triumph

In Babilone

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D Major

Eric Baker





CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2026

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We thank the following people for their service today:

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| CELEBRANT | The Rev. Ryan Parker |
| PREACHER | The Rev. Ryan Parker |
| MUSICIANS (10:30) | Christian Schoen and the Nativity Choir |
| LECTORS (8:30) | Rene Garces, Cindy Schreiner |
| (10:30) | Anne Ramirez, Becky Christian, Alicia Lester-Bodford |
| CHILDREN'S HOMILY (10:30) | Jeremy Clos |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (8:30) | Helen Armstrong |
| (10:30) | Rick Burts, Anne Sena |
| TORCHES (10:30) | Hannah Parker, Arjun Pant |
| BANNER (10:30) | Isabella Maggiano |
| CRUCIFER (10:30) | Vance Dutton |
| ALTAR GUILD | Robin Rhaney, Julia Cavalier, Marty Gilbert |
| ALTAR FLOWERS | Gail Till |
| CHILDREN'S FORMATION (10:30) | Gail Till, Emily Gorman |
| LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30) | Alfred Christensen |
| VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE | Emily Jividen |
| FELLOWSHIP (10:30) | Suzanne Colton |

Church of the Nativity

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CLERGY AND STAFF

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| The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano | Rector |
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| Jeremy Clos | Lay Associate for Christian Formation |
| Christian Schoen | Organist and Choirmaster |
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