



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026

The Service of the Word

Good morning! We love our love for one another! Yet around 10:28am, once our Opening Voluntary begins, please help us begin the tradition of sitting down and preparing ourselves for worship with a moment of quiet and stillness during the offered song. But, please! Don't forget to offer others grace upon grace as we do so. Peace.

Opening Voluntary: "Endless Alleluia"

Opening Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies*

(Refrain) Lord of all to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise

*For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light (Refrain)*

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.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL * (Ages 4 – 10 years)**

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Song of Praise: "Who You Say I Am"

*Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am!
In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am!*

The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The First Reading: *Acts 1:6-14*

So when they had come together, they asked him, "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 (read responsively by half verse)

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke
when the wind drives it away;
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 rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens;
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows,
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before 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 inheritance;
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

Sequence Hymn: "King of Glory"

*His name is Jesus precious Jesus
Lord Almighty, King of my heart, King of Glory*

The Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he 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.

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

Message: *The Rev. Rob Dixon*

The Apostle's Creed (in unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen*

(**"catholic"* means universal)

Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy catholic* Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

Above all, Father, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The Confession (p. 360 BCP)

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 Peace: Welcome & Announcements

Additional Ways to Give



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The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 370 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All seeking God through Jesus are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

Offertory: "Put on Christ"

*We have come to this feast, called by love
for love, keeping memory of the Lord*

*(Refrain) Put on Christ. Put on Christ.
Come to the waters of everlasting life.
Put on Christ. Put on Christ!
Walk in the freedom of the children of God.*

*We become what we share: Bread of Life,
Jesus, blessed and broken for the world (Refrain)*

The Doxology 380: (v. 3)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

For this portion of the service you will need your BCP (the red book in your pew) turned to p. 370

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 367 BCP)

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

Sanctus - S129

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer (p. 364 BCP)

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Hymn: "What a Beautiful Name"
(See insert)

Communion Hymn 645: "The King of Love"

Post Communion Prayer (p. 365 BCP)

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

Closing Hymn: "They'll Know We are Christians"

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored*

*(Refrain) And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love. They will know we are Christians by our love*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity
and save each one's pride (Refrain)*

The Dismissal

**NO ONE LEAVES HUNGRY
FROM JESUS' TABLE**



As an important extension of our worship, the Food Pantry is made available and we have a Community Hour following our 10:30 worship. Ask an usher or priest for more information.

Serving Today

8:00am: Readers: Ed Austin, Isabelle Peterson.

10:30am: Acolytes: Landree Williams, Sierra Dixon.
Chalice Bearers: Sabrina Merritt, Miya May.
Readers: Aaron Wimmers, Landree Williams.

Home Communion Volunteer:
Trista Miller & Hunter Walker

Your Sermon Notes

Prayer List

Requested Prayer

Marguerite Byrd, Susan Bell, Jackie Lanier, Cindy Skeen, Linda Patterson, Preston Patterson, Shearon Harrelson, Aundria Rogers, and JS.

Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Bruce Gough, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, and Doug Wiessman.

Repose of the Soul

John Warren Dixon Jr, Brian James, and Chloe James.

We would love to honor your marriage and ever lasting love with your late spouse on your anniversary. Please contact the church office if you would like to participate.

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