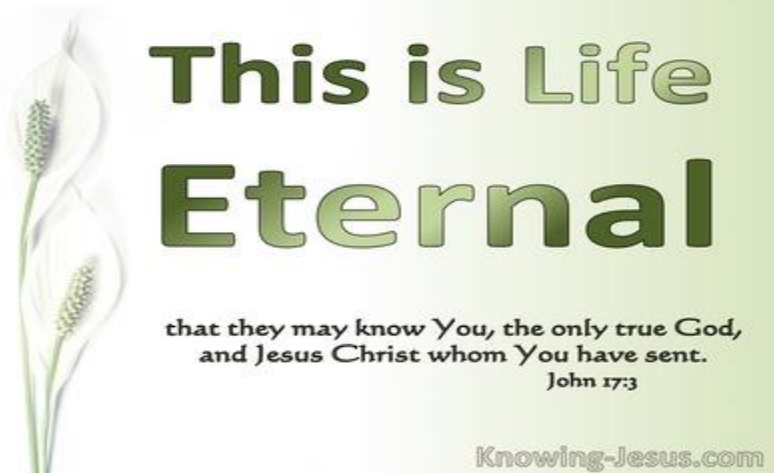


## A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST



The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

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### **Mission Statement**

To love and serve God and our neighbor, by striving to meet the needs of God's people.

### **Vision Statement**

To be a Christian community of faith where love lives, love works, to spread the good news of God's grace and mercy.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All hail the power of Jesus' name

Hymnal 450

**Celebrant**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*The People SHOUT*

**The Lord is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!**

*The People say*

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.**

**Celebrant**

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

**Celebrant**

Let us pray.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

## FIRST READING

**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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36**

- 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.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; \*

his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*

the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!

Blessed be God!

## SECOND READING

**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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN

Alleluia sing to Jesus

Hymnal 460

## HOLY GOSPEL

**John 17:1-11**

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

**Glory 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## **NICENE CREED**

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.***

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

We pray for the church, for all Christians everywhere, for Anne, our bishop, for William and Arthur, our retired bishops, and for all in our parish.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

Gracious God, may your Spirit give strength to all your people as they work and witness in your world. Unite us in your truth and love, and help us to show your love to others. (Especially, we pray for those of different political and moral opinions)

God of love,  
**grant our prayer.**

We pray for all people, for places where there is war or famine.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

God our creator, help everyone to share all the good gifts that you have given to us. May those who lead the nations of the world be given wisdom. (Especially, we pray for our government leaders)

God of love,  
**grant our prayer.**

We pray for our community and for all who live and work in this area.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

God, our friend, we pray for our families and friends. May we be able to help each other just as you love and help us.

God of love,  
**grant our prayer.**

We pray for those in need, for sick people, for those in the hospital, and for those with any other problems. Especially Les Blakemore, Jan Wooley and James Bragg.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

Compassionate God, give your strength and healing to all those who are sad, lonely, or mentally/emotionally challenged. And bless all those who try to help them.

God of love  
**grant our prayer.**

We remember all those who have died.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

God of hope, we thank you that not even death can separate us from your love. We pray for all who mourn, that they may feel your care for them.

God of love,  
**grant our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves – all that we will do this week, and all those we will meet.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

Loving God, we give this week into your hands. Be with us in all that we will do, may we enjoy this week and learn and grow in it.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

God of love,  
**grant our prayer.**

## **Celebrant**

Those things, O God, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake.

***Amen.***

**CONFESSION OF SIN**            *You may stand or be seated as able.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

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**

*All stand, as able.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord with a bow or wave.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

#### **OFFERTORY**

I go to the Rock

Whitney Houston

#### **DOXOLOGY**

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.***

#### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise.

## **SANCTUS**

Holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of Host  
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 People stand.*

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. *Amen.*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.*

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore, let us keep the feast.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If for any reason, you prefer not to receive the cup of wine when it is offered, simply cross your arms over your chest.*

## HYMNS AT THE COMMUNION

God Will take Care of You	LEVAS 183
Blessed Assurance	LEVAS 184
Great is Thy Faithfulness	LEVAS 189

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**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 BENEDICTION

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. ***Amen.***

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**      Crown Him with Many Crowns      Hymnal 494

## DISMISSAL

**Celebrant**  
*People*

Let us go forth in the world rejoicing in the power of the spirit!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## LAY READER'S SCHEDULE

DATE	I LESSON	II LESSON	PRAYERS
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kelly Henderson-Kessell	Charles Bradford	Brenda Shepherd
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Lois Jackson	Darcel Arrington	Velma Romain-Rouse
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Gail Williams	Anna Marie Ferguson	Yvonne Gates
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Rod Adams	Dianne Audrick Smith	Pearl Culbreath
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Andrea Porter	Jerome Rubin	Stephanie Combs

### CHALICE MINISTERS

May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lois Jackson, Rod Adams, Andrea Porter
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Rod Adams, Lois Jackson, Darcel Arrington
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lois Jackson, Rod Adams, Kelly Henderson-Kessell
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Rod Adams, Lois Jackson, Gail Williams
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Lois Jackson, Rod Adams, <b>Alternate – Linda Adams</b>

### USHER'S SCHEDULE

May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Darcel, Kelly
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Patti Joy, Gail
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Jim, Pearl
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Andrea, Leticia
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Darcel, Patty Joy

### VESTRY COUNTERS' SCHEDULE

First Sunday	Andrea Appling, Darcel Arrington
Second Sunday	Roderick Adams, Carmen Wildgoose
Third Sunday	Andrea Porter, Brenda Shepherd
Fourth Sunday	Giesele Greene, William Seifert-Kessell
Fifth Sunday	Dianne Smith, Andrea Appling



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