



St. John's Episcopal Church
Hear the Spirit ~ See God's Beauty ~ Act in Love

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026 10am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Chorale Prelude on the hymn tune *Llanfair*

McNeil Robinson (1943-2015)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn #214 *Hail the day that sees him rise*

LLANFAIR

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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 Gloria S-280

Service music is found at the beginning of the hymnal, listed in numerical order before the hymns

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14

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Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68 *Exsurgat Deus* *Tone VII.3*



- 1 *Lët Göd* arise, and let his énemies bé scattered; *
let those who hate him flée béfore him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind dríves it áway; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the
présence óf God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejóice béfore God; *
let them also be mérry and jóyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rídes upon thé heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejóice béfore him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defénder of wídows, *
God in his holy hábitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners ínto fréedom;
but the rebels shall líve in dry pláces.
- 7 O God, when you went forth béfore your péople, *
when you márched through the wílderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the Gód of Sínai, *
at the presence of God, the Gód of Ísrael.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upón your inhéritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was wéary.
- 10 Your péople fóund their hóme in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provísion fór the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kíngdoms óf the earth; *
sing práises tó the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the áncient héavens; *
he sends forth his vóice, his míghty voice.

35 Ascribe pówér tó God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his stréngth is ín the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his hólý pláces! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Bléssèd bé God! [Ant.]

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #315 *Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray*

SONG 1

Verses 1 and 2 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.

Verse 3 will be sung after the reading.

The Gospel: John 17:1-11

Presider The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Following the Gospel

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

The Sermon

The Rector

The 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.**

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its
resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ
in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for Bridget, Tony, Lyn, Megan, Cecilia, Elizabeth, Lin, David, Alicia, Mateo, Sam, Ellen and Joan.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are invited to exchange greetings of peace.

Welcome and Announcements of our Ministries

The Rector



During the Offertory Hymn, our ushers will pass the collection plate. You are welcome to make an offering by leaving cash or a check in the plate, or by scanning the QR code to donate online via Tithely.

Whether you are able to support our ministry financially or not, please know that you are invited to full participation in this church on exactly the same terms and conditions as God's grace and love: completely free of charge.

Offertory Hymn #215 *See the conqueror mounts in triumph*

IN BABILONE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

The Presider gives thanks to God, continuing until the words

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

The Sanctus *Hymnal S-125*

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 Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words

....and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we
praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty
God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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.

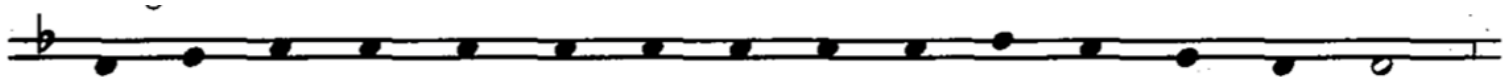
**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

All who seek to receive Christ in the sacrament of this meal are welcome to partake of the bread and wine. Please come to the altar up the center aisle and return to your pew down the side aisles. You are welcome to receive both the bread and the wine, bread only, or a blessing. To receive the bread, stand or kneel at the altar rail and the priest will place the host in your hands. The wine is available either from the common cup, or in individually pre-packaged containers on small tables at either end of the altar rail. To receive the wine from the pre-packaged cup, open the foil seal at the top of the container, drink the wine, and place the empty cup into the basket.

Anthems at Communion

O taste and see

The Lord ascendeth up on high

Kievan Chant

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Children's Anthem *The Lord bless you and keep you*

John Rutter

The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand as able.*

Presider Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Easter Blessing

Closing Hymn #484 *Praise the Lord through every nation*

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The Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude *Zieht in Frieden eure Pfade*

Alfred Grundmann (1857-1930)

The flowers on the altar this week were arranged by Robin Moody

Ministers Serving Today:

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Officiant
The Rev. Michael Fenn, Deacon
Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director
Tommy Bresler, Vestry Person of the Day
Louise Ambler Osborn and Pell Osborn, Readers
Jane Struss, Intercessor
Duncan Holbrook-Smith, Chalice
Cary Cox and Elizabeth Hay, Ushers
Robin Moody, Altar Guild
Robin Moody, Brendan and Birgitta Ryback and Kitty Farnum, Coffee Hosts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Abby Bresler who recently completed communion classes and is receiving today for the first time.

Thanks to our children's choir Abby and Nate Bresler, Augusta and Everett Fry and Iggy Gunsch, accompanist Steve Finch and director Nancy Armstrong for their offering today following communion.

Following the service, you are cordially invited to join Joanne Graziano and our children in the garden to help with spring planting.

The 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal concludes this week. Copies of Bp. Julia's appeal letter and donation envelopes can be found throughout the church and at coffee hour. Please consider supporting the growth of our shared ministry as we work together to "raise up faithful shepherds and vibrant congregations for generations to come."

On your next trip to the grocery store, please consider adding a few things to your basket for Harvest on Vine. As recently reported by our friend Tom McDonald, the number of individuals served by Harvest on Vine has increased by 25%. They have also seen a 38% increase in the number of children served, as well as a rise in seniors living on fixed incomes. Thanks to Patricia Noonan for delivering donated canned goods and other non-perishable items from St. John's to HOV for distribution. Your donations can be left each Sunday in the baskets by the door. They are greatly needed ... and appreciated!

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