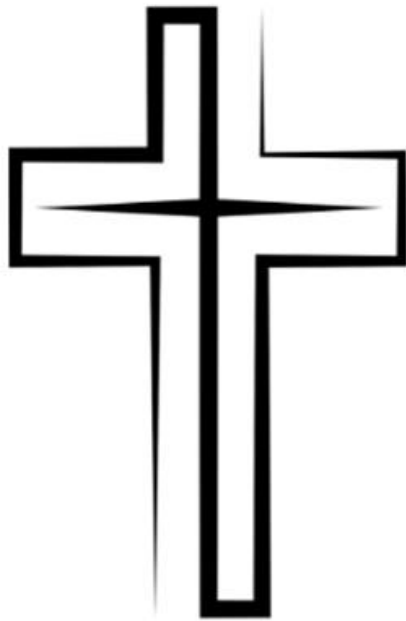


Church of the Holy Cross

Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed!



Seventh Sunday of Easter
Morning Prayer

May 17, 2026

10 a.m.

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Gathering of the People

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Hymn H 8

Morning has broken

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

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Opening Acclamation (A New Zealand Prayer Book)

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

People **Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight to the blind and liberty for those who are oppressed.**

Celebrant 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.**

Hymn of Praise MHSO 108 (v 1, 6) *Come, Holy Spirit, descend on us*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, de - scend on us, de -". The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment with the lyrics: "scend on us. We ga - ther here in Je - - - sus'". The third system features a vocal line for the Cantor (except last time) and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit.*" and "name. (hum —) *Come, Ho - ly".

* Congregation repeats words sung by Cantor(s).
 1 Come, Holy Spirit.
 6 Come to unite us.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant God 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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

Reader A Reading from the book of Acts

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Recited responsively by verse. The reader leads off, and the congregation responds with the bold verses.

- 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

Reader A reading from the first letter of Peter.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn H 628 *Help us, O Lord to learn*

We will sing the v.1 & 2 before the gospel and v.3 after.

1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to
 2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that
 3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that

stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.
 all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.
 yearn - ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

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Holy Gospel

John 17:1-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **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."

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

Sermon

Gael Grossman

Creed (by Susan Bock)

**We believe in God, the Creator,
who made the heavens and the earth.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's beloved Son, our brother and savior,
who was born of the Holy Spirit and the woman Mary.
He was crucified, died, and was buried,
but, on the third day, he rose from death
and returned to the heart of God
from where he reigns in eternal love.
He will come again to gather
the whole world home to that love.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
in one healed and united Church,
in the forgiveness of all sins,
and in eternal life for us all. Amen.**

Prayers of the People (Form III)

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 our search committee.
Grant them wisdom, discernment and patience as they move through this process.

We also pray for the pastor who will be joining us.
Lead the right priest to our Church and guide us as we move forward together.

We pray for our church.
Send us a tenant for the daycare space who will bless us and who we will bless and guide our vestry as we move through this process.

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. The People may add their own petitions aloud in the room, or typed in the chat on Zoom.

Celebrant God of new life, we give praise for the Resurrection of your Son, Jesus, and for the moments of abundant grace we have experienced which take part in your divine story. Give us mindful hearts to perceive the blessings of your love at all times and in all places. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution *Stand or kneel as you prefer.*

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

Silence may be kept.

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.

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Peace is exchanged with one another.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn Holy Cross Choir *Blest be the tie*

Announcements & Blessing of Life Events

Lord's Prayer by Kate Autry

Celebrant As Jesus has taught us, we now pray,

Cre - a - tor, Di - vine One ho - ly is your name. May
good-ness grow and your love en - fold on earth as hea-ven. Give us to - day the

bread of life, for - give us when we fail as we for-give those who hurt or harm us.

Give us strength in times of trial, de - li - ver us from e - vil. For won der, and

ma-je-sty, and glo - ry are Yours! Now and for - ev - er, A - men!

Final Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

May the God who shakes heaven and earth,
Whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us,
Strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world.
May the wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God,
Bless you and those you love and pray for this day and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn WLP 778 *We all are one in mission*

1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
3. We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;
4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:
the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share,
 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.
 free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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Going into the World

Deacon Let us go forth in the power of the Resurrection. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! ALLELUIA!**

Postlude

*This brings the worship to a close.
 All are invited for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service.*

Ministers of Today's Service

Reader 1: Ed Happ
 Reader 2: Karen Wang
 Prayer: Malcolm Wang
 Greeter/Usher: Bruce Hinkle
 Zoom Host: Shirley Chen
 Counters:

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Joanne Quinlan, Carole Abshier, Gael Grossman,
 Anne Hamilton, Katherine Housman, Kathie Kirby,
 Cathi Peterson

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Sunday 8am & 10am
WEEKLY ZOOM SERVICES
Sunday Service
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 @ 7:45pm
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The flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Jane Foote in thanksgiving for her three godchildren.

If you would like to donate flowers in memory of or thanksgiving for someone, please sign up on the flower board
Located in the hall between the narthex & the parish hall.



PENTECOST READING
Sun, May 24

The gospel that day is [John 7:37-39](#). Can you read this passage in a language other than English, aloud, while others are also doing so? Want to give it a try?

Print a translation from biblegateway.com and bring it in to read aloud. If you need help, reach out to Teri.

Are there any graduates this year?
 If you'd like a graduate (GED or above) celebrated, please send Teri their name, school, and degree by June 7th.

Mark your calendars:

- June 7th - Rev Jonathan Sams
 - *Pride Sunday*
- June 14th - Rev Sally Boelter
 - *Graduation Sunday*
- June 21st - Rev Jonathan Sams
 - *Juneteeth, Father's Day*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School **at 10am**. Children of all ages are invited to meet in the Preschool Room (*down the hall from the Sanctuary*).

Families worship together in the sanctuary on the 5th Sunday of the month.

Sunday School will take a break for the summer, beginning in June.



All are welcome to warm up before the service 9:20-9:35 when Kate will run through that day's music. All are welcome - no experience needed!

Choir Rehearsal time:
 11:30am - 12:15pm



Social Justice Jar
 The Social Justice Jar is currently collecting for **Undue Medical Debt**

Erase medical debt for pennies on the dollar.

Every \$10 donated relieves \$1,000 on average of undue medical debt for families in financial need.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Come join us on the **second Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m.** to create beautiful prayer shawls that will be handed out to those in need. Prayers for healing, grief, celebration, and everything in between.

If you would like to come join us, have any questions or would like to request one of the blessed prayer shawls, feel free to contact Thorne Hinkle thecatcrazy101@gmail.com





Please pray for:

Peace the world over; for children in war zones, for all soldiers deployed, for all who have been victims of gun violence, for children affected by measles, for all those who are detained without due process, being housed in inhumane circumstances, for those affected by dangerous weather conditions.

In the Diocesan & Anglican cycle of prayer, Trinity Church, St. Clair Shores; St. Peter & St. Paul, Santo Domingo North DR.; The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

In our Holy Cross community, Barbara; Lisa; Greta; Bob; Tori; Kumiko; Wendy; Pat; Nicole; Janine C; John M; John J; Kim & Kati; Terry; Rachel; Jim A; Elaine J; Andrew; Cheryl & Raul; Denise; Brian V; Amy, Steve, Lucas, Ethan, Carter, Heather, and Shirley; Anne and Dallas; Mark; Art; Shiela; Rich, Paulette & Hank; Susan and her family; Marsaya & Sayrah; Malcolm; Wanda, Tasha, Rhondda, Ronald, Kathy, Shirley.

Pray for the repose of soul of Lee Barann.

Hospitality House Outreach

Did you know that SNAP benefits do not cover cleaning, personal hygiene or feminine products? Or that an established pantry, like Hospitality House, have a lot of resources to keep their shelves filled with shelf stable food?

Holy Cross' ministry to provide personal care & cleaning products makes a great impact on 950 families that are served each month.

Online Giving

Zelle is fee free!

If your bank does not offer Zelle, we still accept online giving through Anedot.



Scan the QR code from your banking app.

Faith & Advocacy

Meets the 2nd Friday of each month 7-8:00pm on Zoom.

We plan to focus on immigration, especially the horrible way that it is being handled by the current administration (ICE/CBP).

If you would like to be included, email Jane Foote at jfoote@mi.rr.com or text her your email address to 248-207-0652. Jane will email the zoom link to those on the email list the day before each meeting.

Social Time

Ladies Lunch Friday, June 12 @ 11:30 am
Location TBA

Men's Breakfast Sat, June 6 @ 9am.
Moe's on Ten
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