



The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist (May 17, 2026 10:00 AM)



Welcome! We invite you to use the QR code or pew back card so that we might connect you to news, ministries and more.

Trinity welcomes all, including children and youth. A nursery, staffed with Safeguarded attendants, is available should you choose to use it. While wearing masks is optional, we affirm and respect those who choose to do so for their health or the health of loved ones. The hand sanitizers are available for your use, as you choose, but are not required. You are welcome to come to the altar rail during the Eucharist. You are welcome to the shared common cup. As you discern for yourself, remember that should you choose to only receive the Body/Bread, that is also considered full communion. Episcopal worship is full of movement: we sit, stand, kneel, and move in worship. We believe in an [accessible altar](#) and are all here to worship God; every body does that differently. Our hope is that as we join in common worship, you will make choices that help you worship God in your particular body, which might mean you are doing different things than the people around you.

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC

Hymn 450 All hail the power (Hymnal 1982, #450)

6 Let every kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
 * 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
 * 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

ball, to him a - scribe, and

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

crown him Lord of all! to him a -

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!

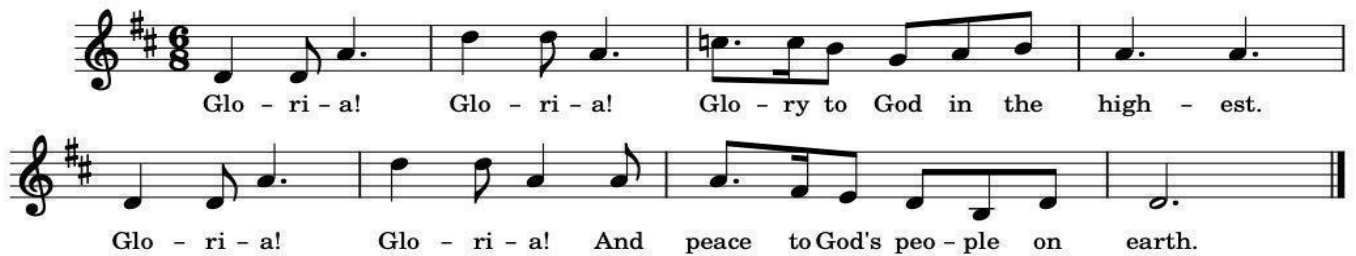
OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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 may follow the cross to Godly Play and return at The Peace.

THE GLORIA



Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! And peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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 LESSONS

Acts 1:6-14



Meditatio Moment

In this portion from the very start of Acts, the disciples witness the ascension of Jesus. Traditionally, the 10 days between the Ascension of our Lord (when Jesus ascends, technically on the Thursday before) and Pentecost (when the Spirit descends) are marked by a call to 10 days of prayer. The book of Acts is the second volume of a two-part set of Luke-Acts, traditionally attributed to Luke, who was a physician and co-worker of Paul (Col. 4:14), who offers an orderly perspective. The main character in the Acts of the Apostles is not the apostles (sent ones) but the Holy Spirit. We hear, throughout the book, tales of the early church in the formation of communities and individuals who follow Jesus Christ.

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.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM *Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 (St. Helena’s Breviary)*



Psalm 68 is a hymn of God’s power and majesty, hence its association on the Sunday between the Ascension and Pentecost. The book of Psalms is a collection of 150 poems, songs, and prayers originating from different times in ancient Israel’s history, including the time of King David and exile to Babylon. The psalms are often sung, chanted, and used to worship to contemplate the character of God. Themes include praise, pain, prophetic promises, and more.

Arise, O God, and let your enemies be scattered; *

let those who hate you flee before you.

Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *

as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at your presence, O God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before you; *

let them also be merry and joyful.

We sing praises to your holy Name; we exalt the One who rides upon the heavens; *

yours is the Name in which we rejoice!

Guardian of orphans, defender of widows, *

God, in your holy habitation!

You give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom, *

but the rebels shall live in dry places.

O God, when you went forth before your people, *

when you marched through the wilderness,

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.

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *

you refreshed the land when it was weary.

Your people found their home in it; *

in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

Sing to God, O nations of the earth; *

sing praises to the Holy One

Who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens, *

who sends forth a voice, a mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God, *

whose majesty is over Israel, whose strength is in the skies.

How wonderful is God in the holy places; *

the God of Israel giving strength and power to the people; blessed be God!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen

Second Lesson

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11



Meditatio Moment

This portion of 1 Peter, near its end, closes our study on 1 Peter for Eastertide. We hear in this reading a call to cast all our anxieties on God and humble ourselves, no matter the ordeals that swirl around us. The book of 1 Peter is a short circular letter written by Peter to a number of churches in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey) who are experiencing the sorrows and hostilities of persecution, reminding people that in the midst of suffering, Jesus is our hope. The values and actions of the Christian community are grounded in generosity, love, and joy, and not the values and actions of the world.

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.

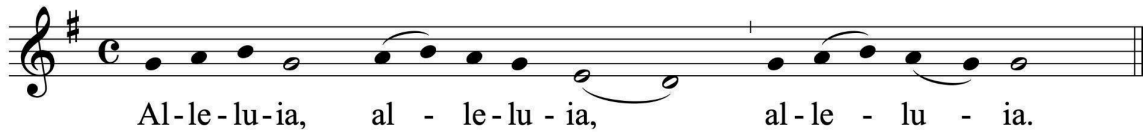
Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in 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.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL ALLELUIA



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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

John 17:1-11



Meditatio Moment

In this passage from John's gospel, Jesus is speaking to his disciples before his death — grief and fear, death and life, breath and Spirit, forgiving and retaining—Jesus speaks not only of his own sending but of the sending of the disciples, too. John (one of the four gospels that witness to Jesus's life) offers a theological perspective of Jesus as the great "I AM", the eternal Word (logos), and the one to whom the (seven) signs point so that the reader may believe Jesus is the Messiah and have life in his name (20:31). The gospel contains poetry, narrative, teaching, and more.

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

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON JOHN AHRENS, IONA SCHOOL OF MINISTRY STUDENT

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

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Risen Lord,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader 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. Fill us with the joy of your holy and life-giving resurrection. Risen Lord,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader 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. Risen Lord
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader 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. Risen Lord,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader 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. Risen Lord,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader Reveal the light of your presence to those who are in danger, sorrow, sickness, or any other adversity; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We remember especially those we now name silently or aloud _____ *Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be added here.* _____; that they may be comforted and strengthened in the love of Christ, Risen Lord,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those we now name silently or aloud _____ *names may be added here* _____; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your resurrection. Risen Lord,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We celebrate this day the birthdays, anniversaries, and blessings of names and blessings may be added here; **Watch over these your Children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand. Comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.**

Leader Send the fire of your Holy Spirit upon your people, enabling us to share that most daring faith that is in us. Risen Lord,
People **hear our prayer and inspire us to tell the Story.**

Often during Eastertide, the confession is omitted in remembrance that all are forgiven through our risen Lord Jesus Christ. As always, the rite of reconciliation is available through an appointment with the priest.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give you; my own peace I leave with you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY

We invite you, as able, to “offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vow to the Most High” (Psalm 50:14). Visit Trinity’s new online giving link: <https://onrealm.org/TrinityEpiscopa51334/give/now> for instructions on giving through automatic bill pay, regular mail, or Realm. Realm is a 100% web-based church software solution for churches. You are encouraged, as an expression of the first fruits of the harvest of your time, talents, and treasure to make your pledge to God’s mission and ministry through Trinity Episcopal Church.



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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, _____
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 for ever. **Amen**

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:

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *A period of Silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM



This is the feast - of vic - to - ry for our
God! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Gifts of God for the People of God. *and may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

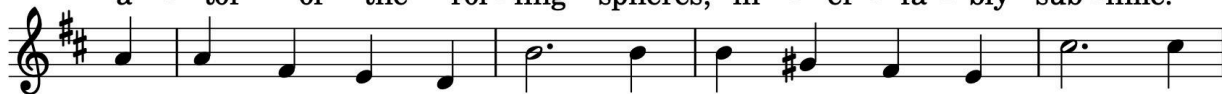
We invite all who are baptized Christians, including children of any age, to receive Holy Communion. You are welcome to come toward the altar. Should you choose, you may use the hand sanitizer. You also have the choice of a shared common cup. Most choose by intinction (dipping your Bread/Body into the chalice in a way that your fingers do not touch the Blood/Wine), if you would prefer to drink, please let us know so that we may direct you to that chalice. As you discern for yourself, remember that should you choose to only receive the Body/Bread, that is also considered full communion. If it is not your custom to receive Communion, you are invited to come forward with everyone for a blessing or a prayer. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will pray a blessing for you. If you would like communion but are unable to come forward, please advise an usher and we will come to you. This is God's table, not ours, and you are all very welcome here.



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; hark,
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born, whose
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side, rich
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave and
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time, cre -



how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 a - tor of the rol - ling spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem, the
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight, but
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high, who
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy



hail him as thy match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 praise and glo - ry shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Open up the heavens

We've waited for this day
We're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

*You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing*

*Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise*

Your presence in this place Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now
Lord unveil our eyes

Show us, show us Your glory
Show us, show us Your power
Show us, show us Your glory Lord

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

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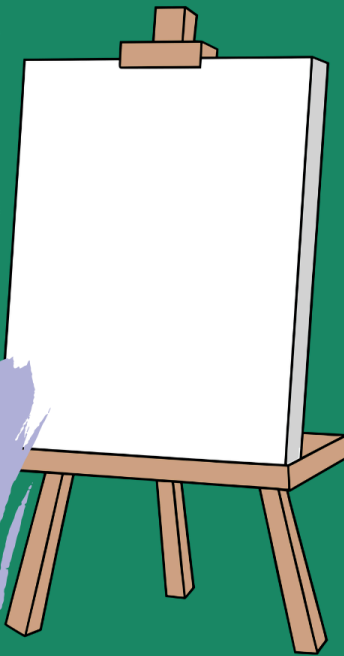
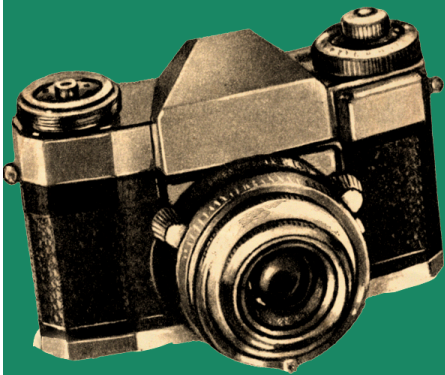


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