

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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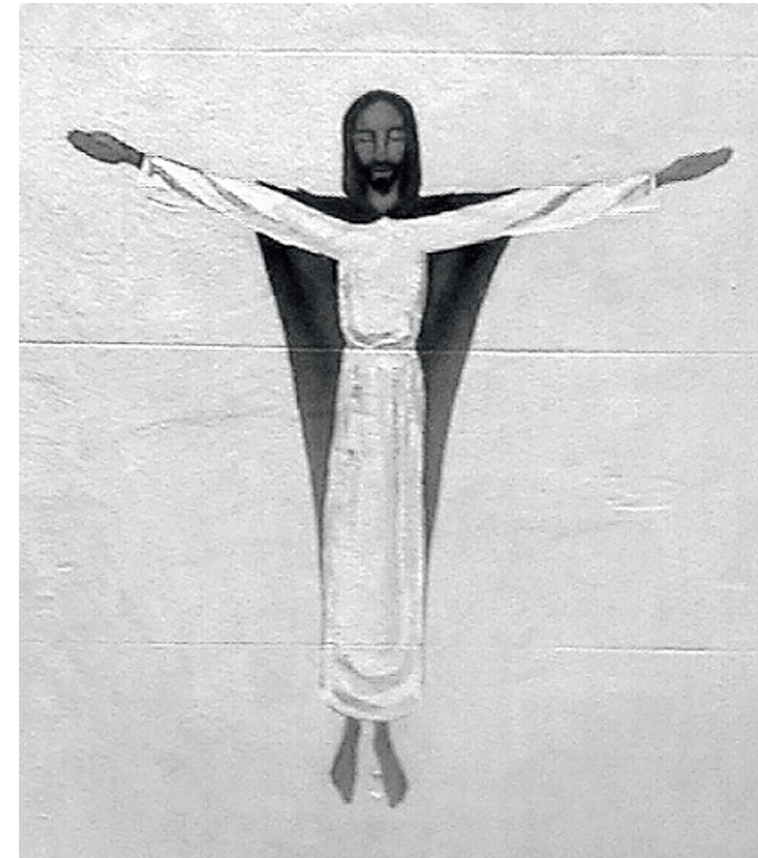
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May 17, 2026

The Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year A

8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II



“When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.” (Leviticus 19:33-34)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Time prior to the start of the liturgy is a time for quiet meditation and prayer.

Prelude (10:30)

Entrance Hymn (10:30)

Hymnal 214

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis (8:30)

BCP 356

Gloria in excelsis (10:30)

S280

The Salutation & The Collect of the Day

BCP 357

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

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson

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

Exurgat Deus

The psalm will be 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.

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!

The Second Lesson

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.**

All please stand.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 215

Gospel Lesson

John 17:1-11

Gospeler: 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."

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

The Sermon

Rev. Frieda van Baalen Webb

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP 392

Parish Prayer List: David Noller, Jim Cosbey, Darlene, Kim Greene, Nekka Scott, Samuel, Ibrahim, The Rev'd Canon Wadie Far, Mimy Butler, Rev. Ellen Montgomery, Paul Verostko, Tracy and Richard Sawicki, Beth Regan, Cynthia Lipsius Gembola, Carol Burns, Andy Andrews, William L Cooke.

The Peace

BCP 360

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem (10:30) *"Be Thou My Vision"* arr. Richard Shephard

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

Sanctus (10:30)

Agnus Dei (10:30)

BCP 361

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✠ The Communion of the Faithful ✠

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion, and anyone is welcome to receive a blessing. If you would like to come forward for a blessing, please approach the altar with your arms crossed in front of your chest. If you would like to be baptized, please speak to Father Mike or Mother Elizabeth. If you cannot come to the altar, please raise a hand and we will come to you.

Communion Hymn (10:30)

Hymnal 312

Post-Communion Prayer

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

People: Amen.

Hymn (10:30)

Hymnal 495

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Organ Voluntary (10:30)

Fr. Mike is always available on his cell phone, 443-797-5422. Confession is available by appointment.

Lectors

May 17

8:30 Nancy & David Van Baak

10:30 Bev Barry (1)

Elaine Richau (2)

May 24

8:30 Jesse Pyle

11:00 [on May 24 only] Jennifer Snyder-Hass (1)

Joe Spina (2)

The Parish Announcements

Strawberry Festival/Chicken BBQ

Mark your calendars! Our 2026 Strawberry Festival & Chicken Barbecue is scheduled for Saturday, June 20. We will need your help once again in planning, setting up, serving and cleanup. It isn't too early to start thinking about donations for our popular basket raffle. The goal is for baskets to have a minimum value of about \$40. We will also have letters available to take to area businesses for donation requests. Please speak to Pat Lalonde or Nancy Cich for more information.

The United Thank Offering (UTO)

Thank you for supporting the UTO spring ingathering. If you haven't made a donation to UTO but wish to do so, there is still time to support this ministry of the Episcopal Church. Envelopes are located at the Church entrances and in the pews. (If you write a check, please put UTO in the memo line. Also, please put your name on the envelope.)

Thank you for your support of this ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church.

Dottie Aikman, UTO Coordinator

Marathon Sunday

The Buffalo Marathon is Sunday May 24. The 10:30 AM service at Good Shepherd is changed to 11:00 AM. Some streets around Good Shepherd will be closed to vehicles. See course map below or email Elaine Richau at wegmom54@aol.com for more information.

Donate

To conveniently make a donation, simply scan the QR code below with your smartphone to access our online giving page. As a reminder, the Diocese is no longer covering our online processing fees. If you prefer to pay online, please consider using your bank's bill pay function to donate. It typically has no fees associated with the transaction. Thank you!



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