

**17 May 2026 - Easter 7**

**GATHERING SONG**

314 Seek Ye First The Kingdom Of God

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

131 Come Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

*Stand*

**GREETING**

✠In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

**PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

Brothers and sisters,  
let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves to  
celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**Lord, have mercy.**  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
**Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Christ, have mercy.**  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
**Christ, have mercy on me.**

**Lord, have mercy.**  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
**Lord, have mercy on me.**

May Almighty God have mercy on us,  
and forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen, Amen!**  
**Amen, Amen!**  
**Amen, Amen!**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

***Gloria! Gloria! in excelsis Deo!***  
***Gloria! Gloria! in excelsis Deo!***

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
peace you bring to us;  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we sing our song of praise.**

***Gloria! Gloria!...***

**Jesus, saviour of all,  
Lord God, Lamb of God  
You take away our sins, O Lord,  
have mercy on us all.**

***Gloria! Gloria!...***

**At the Father's right hand,  
Lord receive our prayer,  
for you alone are the Holy One,  
and you alone are Lord.**

***Gloria! Gloria!...***

**Glory Father and Son,  
glory Holy Spirit,  
to you we raise our hands up high,  
we glorify your name.**

***Gloria! Gloria!...***

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O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is  
gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

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| <b>FIRST READING:</b> |
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| Acts 1:6-14 |
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***He Was Lifted Up***

So when they had come together, they asked him, '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 towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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.

This is the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Psalm 68

**Our God is a God of salvation**

Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered;  
let those that hate him flee before him.  
As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away;  
as wax melts at the fire,  
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

**Our God is a God of salvation**

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them make merry with gladness.  
Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
exalt him who rides on the clouds.  
The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.

**Our God is a God of salvation**

Father of the fatherless, defender of widows,  
God in his holy habitation!  
God gives the solitary a home  
and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome,  
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.

**Our God is a God of salvation**

O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,  
The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,  
at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

**Our God is a God of salvation**

You sent down a gracious rain, O God;  
you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.  
Your people came to dwell there;  
in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.

**Our God is a God of salvation**

**SECOND READING:**

1 Peter 5:6-11

**Cast All Your Anxiety On Him**

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 throughout 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***Stand*

**Listen now for the Gospel; Alleluia!**  
**It is God's word that changes us; Alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, melt and break our hearts of stone until we give our lives to God and God alone.

**Refrain**

Come, Holy Spirit, root in us God's living word, that we may show the faithfulness of Christ our Lord.

**Refrain****GOSPEL:**

John 17:1-11

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✕ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.*****'All Mine Are Yours And Yours Are Mine'***

After Jesus had spoken these words, he 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, O Christ**

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**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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and 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,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who 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.**

**INTERCESSIONS**

*Stand*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

✕ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,  
**and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

**PEACE**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS:**

All Mine Are Yours And Yours Are Mine

**All mine are yours and yours are mine,  
All mine are yours and yours are mine  
And I have been glorified in them.  
Glorified, glorified, glorified in them.  
All mine are yours and yours are mine,  
All mine are yours and yours are mine  
And I have been glorified in them.**

*During the next hymn a collection will be taken. If you are a UK taxpayer and can gift aid your donation, please place it in a yellow gift aid envelope (available in the pews) and complete all the details requested.*

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**OFFERTORY HYMN:**

134 All Heaven Declares

## OFFERTORY PRAYERS

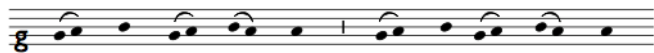
Pray, my brothers and sisters,  
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept  
the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful  
with the sacrificial offerings,  
that through these acts of devotedness  
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. **R.** **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**R.** **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The Priest continues singing the Preface, ending with:*

Holy holy: **Holy, holy.**

God of power: **God of power.**

We sing your praise: **We sing your praise.**

Hosanna: **Hosanna.**

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Blessed is he: **Blessed is he.**

Who comes in Your Name: **Who comes in Your Name.**

Hosanna: **Hosanna.**

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Hosanna: **Hosanna.**

*The Priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer*

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: **Christ has died.**

Christ has risen: **Christ has risen.**

Christ will come again: **Christ will come again.**

*The Priest concludes the Eucharistic  
Prayer  
At the end all sing*



**A-men.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare 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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God: **Lamb of God.**  
You take our sins: **You take our sins.**  
Have mercy on us: **Have mercy on us.**  
And grant us Your peace: **And grant us Your peace.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Please follow the guidance of the stewards as you  
come forward for the distribution of Communion. If you  
would like to receive a blessing instead, please bring  
your service sheet with you.*

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

193 Lord Enthroned In Heavenly Splendour

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

292 God Be In My Head

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION***Stand*

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen****NOTICES***Sit***BLESSING & DISMISSAL***Stand*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠May almighty God bless you,  
the Father,  
and the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.****RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

15 O Worship The King