



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE
NATIVITY

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:
THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
MAY 17, 2026
8:45AM**

*Quiet in the nave before the service helps us to mark sacred space and time.
We invite you to use this time to prayerfully prepare for worship.
Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

Voluntary

Prière du Christ (L'Ascension)

Olivier Messiaen

The Word of God

Hymn 481, Standing, sung by all

The head that once was crowned with thorns ST. MAGNUS

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Gloria S278, Sung by all

William Mathias

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 First Reading, Seated

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."

**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! →
/ Blessèd be God!**

The Second Reading

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 779, *Standing, sung by all*

The church of Christ in every age DUNEDIN

1. The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3. We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -
change but spir - it — led, must claim and test its her - i -
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for bread to
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all with - out re -
tage and keep on ri - sing from the dead.
eat and nev - er live un - til they die.
serve, And spread Christ's lib - er - a - ting word.

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000)

Music: DUNEDIN, Vernon Griffiths (1894–1985)

During the sequence hymn, children aged 4 through 4th grade are invited to follow the children's cross to Children's Chapel. Parents are always welcome to attend. All will return during the Peace.

The Holy Gospel

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.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed, *Standing*

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The Prayers of the People, *Standing or kneeling*

Leader In this season of resurrection and joy, let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader O God, we give thanks for the goodness of creation, for the victory of resurrection, and for the grace of redemption. We praise you for leading us from the darkness into light, and for bringing us through the waters of death into new life in you: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That the Church, celebrating the resurrection with joy, may bring the light of Christ into the world: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That our community, renewed through word and sacrament, may be strengthened in the covenant of our baptism: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That the people of the world, remembering the source of creation,

may care for the waters of the earth and for all living things: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That the leaders of nations, knowing their power, may bring peace and justice to the world: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That all who suffer, recalling the mystery of Christ crucified and risen, may be comforted: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader In thanksgiving for the saints and martyrs, for the witnesses of the resurrection, and for all who have passed over from the darkness of death into the glorious light of Christ: Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes with a collect

The Peace, *Standing*

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Sing to the Lord

Alec Rowley

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving, sing to the Lord with harp.

O let your songs be of him, and praise him;

And let your talking be of all his wondrous works.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth the rain for the earth.

Sing praise to our God, who maketh the grass to grow
upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving, sing to the Lord with harp,

Sing praise to our God.

—words from various Psalms

Presentation Hymn 191, st. 5, *Standing, sung by all*

LUX EOI

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia!

To the Savior who has won the victory;

Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity:

Alleluia, alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 S128, *Sung by all*

Mathias

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.

Standing or kneeling

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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:

The Lord's Prayer, *Said by all*

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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

Agnus Dei S165, *Sung by all*

Mathias

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

The Invitation to Communion

*Regardless of the denomination of your baptism, you are invited to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.
Gluten free wafers available upon request.*

Music during Communion

Hymn 315

Thou, who at thy first Eucharist SONG 1

Hymn 495

Hail, thou once despised Jesus! IN BABILONE

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take communion to the sick or homebound, the following is offered:

Celebrant We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Postcommunion Prayer, *Said by all, standing or kneeling* 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People **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

Hymn 494, *Standing, sung by all*

Crown him with many crowns DIADEMATA

The Dismissal

The Deacon offers a dismissal followed by:

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

Voluntary

Sortie, op. 3

Charles Tournemire

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the wedding anniversary of our parents, Bonnie and Steve Hettinger by Hillary Steiner and Juliet Wells.

CELEBRANT The Rev. Michael Goldsmith

PREACHER Lily Cantey, Anne Louise Wilson

ASSISTING The Rev. Dr. Melissa M. Hartley, The Rev. Rose Veal Eby

DEACON The Rev. Dn. Dr. Robert A. Serio

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC Dr. Aaron Tan



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