



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 21, 2023 10:30 AM





GOOD MORNING!

We're so glad you chose to be here at Resurrection today.

Whether you're here for the first time, or are a life-long member, Resurrection is a hopeful, healing, transformation-minded kind of place, a place where everyone is welcome and can grow their relationship with God and with one another.

If you *are* here for the first time (or if you just haven't gotten around to it yet), please fill out a pew card and put it in the offering plate to let us know you were here. To receive our weekly email bulletin, be sure to include your email address. And let us know if you would like to connect with our parish life and ministries; we're happy to help you find your spot!

Our services follow *The Book of Common Prayer*, the red book in your pew rack. If you'd like to use the book to follow the service, we begin on page 355. Unless otherwise marked, our hymns are from the *Hymnal 1982*, the blue books in the pew rack.

To learn more about Resurrection, check out www.episcopalloudon.com, email us at office@episcopalloudon.com, or find us on Facebook or Instagram.

Fill out a pew card or email office@episcopalloudon.com to be placed on on the weekly email, *Parish Tidings*, for the latest information from Resurrection.

If you can't make it here in person, join us at 10:30, live on Facebook, or watch when you can on Vimeo! facebook.com/episcopalloudon or vimeo.com/episcopalloudon



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Entrance Hymn

When Christ was lifted from the earth

Hymnal 603

The Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

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

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

We prepare for our time together.

We take our places and allow the peaceful quiet to center and calm us.

The bold portions are the parts the congregation says together.

Gloria in Excelsis, “Glory in the highest,” a short hymn of praise to the Trinity. Its opening verse is based on the song of the angels to the shepherds at the time of Jesus’ birth, as reported in Luke 2:14.

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day changes each Sunday. These prayers (or “collects”) are adapted from the first Book of Common Prayer, written by Thomas Cranmer in 1549.

Our lessons from scripture are a central part of **The Liturgy of the Word**.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 226

People
Celebrant

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
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

The First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

BCP 674

Lector We will read the Psalm in unison.

- 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!**

During the Easter season, our first lesson is always from the Book of Acts, instead of the Old Testament.

Composed for both individual and community use, **Psalm** is the name given to the hymns of the Old Testament. The Book of Psalms has traditionally be attributed to David because he seems to have composed hymns, though some hymns of ancient Israel were certainly composed before David.

- 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

Lector A reading from the First Book 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

See the Conqueror mounts in triumph

Hymnal 215

The Gospel Lesson: John 17:1-11

All stand

Priest 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.

We stand to indicate the importance we place of Jesus’ words and actions. The **Gospel** book comes into the midst of the people and all turn toward the reader.

A **Sermon** or a shorter teaching called a homily follows the Gospel. It usually explains some of the teachings in the Gospel and other lessons

We use the **Nicene Creed** on Sundays, and the Apostle's Creed for Baptism. Both are ancient statements of faith.

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.”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Amy Morehous

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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 of the People

To our God be the power forever and ever. Amen. Let us appeal to the Lord, saying, “We are yours; be glorified in us.”

Holy Father, protect your church for your name’s sake, so that we may be one even as you are one with your Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Restore, support, strengthen and establish us and always for your glory.

We are yours;
Be glorified in us.

Loving God, raise up witnesses to your love in all the world, even to the ends of the earth. Be a parent to orphans, a defender of widows and a provider to the poor

We are yours;
Be glorified in us.

Great God of heaven and earth, you graciously send rain to dry places. Give to the people of the earth enough to meet their needs; and yet protect us from dangerous excess. May we acknowledge that all good gifts come from your hand.

We are yours;
Be glorified in us.

Mighty God, in our own community, exalt the humble in due time. May those who have known suffering and struggle have their dignity renewed. Bless them with gladness. Make their voices heard in shouts of joy.

Our **Prayers of the People** change each Sunday to echo our scripture readings. You are also welcome to add your own prayers.

We are yours;
Be glorified in us.

God of all grace, we pray for the lonely and for prisoners, for the sick and the suffering. As they cast their anxieties upon you, may they experience your freedom and care, especially **Donna; Nancy; Shannon; Patricia; Jackie; Michele & Steve; Sidney; Mel; Virginia; Kathy; Brandon; Rachel; Sue; Millie; Mary Carol; Jane; Judith; all who suffer the violence of war and political unrest; and those we add, silently or aloud.**

The congregation may add their petitions or thanksgivings.

We are yours;
Be glorified in us.

Heavenly Father, we have been granted eternal life in knowing you through your Son Jesus. Prepare a home for all of the dying and the dead, that they may continue forever in your goodness.

We are yours;
Be glorified in us.

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**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.**

The **Confession of Sin** helps us examine our hearts, and hear of God's forgiveness.

Parish Announcements

TAKE ME HOME

This center section of your bulletin is for you to tear out & take home with you. Keep the announcements, prayer lists, calendars, & Diocesan news on hand all week!



**Summer
PIG ROAST
2023**

**Pig Roast & "Hanging of the Greens"
June 11th, One Service at 10:00**

We'll have a single service and the blessing of our new green paraments (no, it's not Advent again!), then enjoy a fabulous smoked pork lunch. Plan and sign up in the Parish Hall for your best side dish to go alongside!

We also need helpers on Saturday, June 10th at 8am to 'Prep the Pig' - come join the fun!

GRADUATES?

Have a child or grandchild graduating from high school or college? Let us know so we can share the good news!

Ask the Rector Anything*

Once a month, Mother Amy will hold a Q&A session between services. The first was today, at 9:30. Missed it? The next one will be June 18th!

Want to know more about the Episcopal Church, Christianity, Liturgy? Now's your chance!

*Many limitations do apply. Mother Amy makes NO claims to know all. Questions about quantum entanglement, string theory, or calculus should be directed elsewhere.

In the past, our second service has changed to 10:00 after Memorial Day. This year, service times **will not** change, so we can offer some interesting summer opportunities.

(Like what? Tune in and see!)

SUMMER SERVICE TIMES

Our altar flowers today are given by Mark and Jen Hennes

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Prayers & Squares quilting ministry invites you to a

Sit & Sew

Friday, June 16th, 10:00-4:00

We'll sit and . . . sew! And we'll also chat, laugh, and learn. Don't sew? Don't worry - you don't need any experience. There are things to do besides sew, or we can show you how!

Snacks & drinks will be provided, but bring a lunch with you. If you have questions, contact Peggy Rogers at psrogers48@gmail.com.



Prayers & Thanksgivings

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

Jim; Amy F.; Donna; Nancy; Shannon; Patricia; Jackie; Michele & Steve; Sidney; Mel; Virginia; Kathy; Brandon; Rachel; Sue; Millie; Mary Carol; Jane; Judith; and all who suffer the violence of war and political unrest.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

5/2 - Richard & Pat Steele
5/4 - Will Heathcote, Jack Parten
5/8 - Rodney & Jackie Trombly
5/12 - Ron Bailey
5/13 - J.P. & Jessica Harper
5/14 - Lois Koenig
5/21 - Dawson Hope
5/23 - Mark & Jen Hennes,
David Pate
5/24 - Amy Morehous, David Twiggs
5/26 - Debbie Hines
5/28 - John Cardwell
5/31 - Tom Flood

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST

Claire	Sandy
Rob & Sherry	Tom & Nancy
Lynnette	Cheri
the Garretts	Richard
Sara	

DIOCESAN PRAYERS

For the Human Family, BCP p. 815
For the Care of Children, BCP p. 829

Sunday, May 21, 2023

For Your Calendars

TODAY

Acolyte: Monty Ross
EM: Judy Egan
Lector: Bree Wallot
Usher: Drew Hawley & Keytha Graves
Chancellor: Art Stewart
Coffee Hour: Vicky St. John
Counters: Jean Cardwell & Monty Ross
Video: TBD
Altar Guild: Kathleen Bailey
Flower Guild: Betty Martin

May 28th

Acolyte: Drew Hawley
EM: Tim Grindstaff
Lector: Monty Ross
Usher: Bob Haldi & Garry Lucas
Chancellor: David Baumgardner
Coffee Hour: Jackie Buttinelli
Counters: Dave St. John & TBD
Video: TBD
Altar Guild: Kathleen Bailey
Flower Guild: Bev Baumgardner

June 4th

Acolyte: Monty Ross
EM: Jackie Buttinelli
Lector: Tony Adams
Usher: Andy Hadjian & Garry Lucas
Chancellor: Art Stewart
Coffee Hour: Vicky St. John
Counters: Jean Cardwell & Andy Hadjian
Video: Tom Flood
Altar Guild: Kathleen Bailey
Flower Guild: Rosemary Kitts

Next Week at Resurrection

Monday, 5/22

7:00pm - AA (*open meeting*)

Tuesday, 5/23

10:00am - Open Table Tuesdays

1:00pm - EfM Study

Wednesday, 5/24

6:00pm - Choir Practice

Thursday, 5/25

3:30pm - AA (*women only meeting*)

Saturday, 5/27

9:30am - Daughters of the King

Sunday, 5/28 Pentecost

8:00am - Holy Eucharist Service

10:30am - Holy Eucharist Service

COMING UP . . .

May 21: Ask the Rector Anything*

May 28: Pentecost (with a special guest!)

June 11: One Service & Pig Roast

June 16: Sit & Sew by Prayers and Squares

June 22: An Evening of Classical Guitar

Brushy Mountain State Pen Tour

Keep a look out for upcoming details!

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Diocesan Events

Knoxville MLK Parade

Monday, June 19
Step-off
10:00 am



<https://dioet.org/events/2023-knoxville-mlk-parade/>



KNOXVILLE PRIDE MASS 2023



SUNDAY, JUNE 25 | 5:00 PM | CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN
PANEL DISCUSSION ON RAINBOW INITIATIVE & DISPLACED LGBTQ+ PERSONS AT 3:30 PM

Visit www.dioet.org for all the details and registrations!

JULY 9-12, 2023


**IT'S ALL
ABOUT
LOVE:**
A Festival for the
Jesus Movement

iam.ec/allaboutlove

Sunday, May 21, 2023

**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.**

The Officiant says

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

The Peace

BCP 360

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

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

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

The Celebrant invites the people's offerings

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

In the **Peace**, we affirm our reconciliation with one another as preparation for receiving communion. (See Matthew 5:23-24) In ancient times, Christians would greet each other with “the kiss of peace”. There are no set words- “Peace”, “God’s Peace”, and “The Peace of the Lord be with you.” are all commonly used.

The Liturgy of the Table

The second part of the liturgy moves to the Table. It is based on Jewish fellowship meals, particularly the Passover observance.

We begin with the **Offertory**. Collecting

financial gifts, or passing the plate, serves as a visible reminder that our whole lives are offered to God, and a part of the riches God has given to us are offered back to God in Thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we are.

There are a number of **Eucharistic Prayers** that we use at Resurrection. During Easter we are using Prayer B from the Book of Common Prayer.

“Eucharist” comes from “eucharistia” - Greek for “thanksgiving.”

The Sanctus (Latin - “holy”) praises God, and is the song

**praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

of the seraphim in Isaiah's vision of the Lord. (Isaiah 6:1-3) It is said or sung by all the people together; some bow during it as a gesture of reverence to God.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People

Why do some stand, and some kneel?

Kneeling during the Eucharistic prayer first began in the 13th century, but standing was the original custom (early churches didn't have pews or chairs - just open space). Either is correct - choose what feels prayerful for you. Perhaps try both and see.

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

The Celebrant continues

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.

The Great Amen is the only word in our Book of Common Prayer in all capital letters. It is the people's affirmation of all that has gone before, and has been a practice since the 2nd century. Today, we sing our Amens.

The musical score is set in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line features the lyrics 'A - men.' repeated four times. The piano accompaniment includes chords and melodic lines in both the right and left hands.

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion of the Faithful

We encourage you to come forward to receive Holy Communion as you feel comfortable. Remain seated, and

This prayer of Jesus was given to his disciples as an example of how they should pray. The phrase “**Lord’s Prayer**” is not used in the New Testament. It is similar to Jewish prayers: it begins with an address to God the Father, continues with petitions which ask God to act in a way which would achieve his purposes, and then has petitions which ask for God’s help.

Receiving Communion

All are welcome at God’s table. Hold out your hands and you will be given the bread. For now, wine is available both in individual cups and from the chalice. Please partake either way you feel comfortable.

Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

the usher will direct you forward to the communion rail. Please remain standing to receive communion, and then return to your seat by the side aisle, so that traffic flows one way.

If you would prefer communion be brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know and, as always, we will be happy to do so. If you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you prefer a blessing.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Hymns

*Thou who at thy first Eucharist
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

**Hymnal 315
Hymnal 178**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.**

Postcommunion Hymn

Crown him with many crowns

Hymnal 494

You have fully received communion if you receive either the bread or the wine.

We offer together a final prayer of thanksgiving. After this, the priest will give us God's blessing.

WE GO INTO GOD’S WORLD

Blessing

The priest blesses the people

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Postlude

The final act of our common worship is the **Dismissal**. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service. The word “Mass” comes from the Latin words “missa est”- “you are sent”. Jesus’ final action on earth was to send his followers into the world to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey all that he commanded. This is what we are all called to do.

TODAY'S ART

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The Ascension of Christ
1958
Salvador Dali
Spanish, 1904-1989

The Ascension of Christ has been a popular subject matter of Old Masters, such as Caravaggio, Johannes Vermeer, and Rembrandt, whom Salvador Dali highly admires.

Dali said that his inspiration for The Ascension of Christ came from a “cosmic dream” that he had in 1950, some eight years before the painting was completed. In the dream, which was in vivid color, he saw the nucleus of an atom, which we see in the background of the painting; Dali later realized that this nucleus was the true representation of the unifying spirit of Christ.

The feet of Christ points out at the viewer, drawing the eye inwards along his body to the center of the atom behind him. The atom has the same interior structure as the head of a sunflower. As with most of Dali's other paintings of Christ, his face is not visible. Above the Christ is [an angel, modeled by Dali's wife, Gala], her eyes wet with tears.

The figure of the Christ, from his feet in the foreground to his outstretched arms, forms a triangle. Dali had used the same geometry for his Lapis-lazuli Corpuscular Assumption. He used a triangular structure first in the 1951 painting Christ of St. John of the Crow. The inspiration for this form came from a drawing by Spanish mystic St. John of the Cross, where Christ is depicted as if seen from above.

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