



Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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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, instead of this order of service booklet, we begin on page 355. Unless otherwise marked, our hymns are from the blue Hymnal 1982. A hymn noted "S-xxx" is part of the service music, found at the front of the hymnal, appearing before the regular congregational hymns begin. For example, S-280 (The Gloria) is found before hymn 1.

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Fill out a visitor card or email office@episcopalloudon.com to subscribe to our weekly church email, the Parish Tidings, for all the latest information from Resurrection.

If you can't make it here in person, join us at 10:30, live on Facebook,
facebook.com/episcopalloudon or on YouTube [@ChurchoftheResurrectionLoudon](https://YouTube/@ChurchoftheResurrectionLoudon).

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Service of the Word

Prelude

Entrance Hymn

All my hope on God is founded

Please stand as able.

Hymnal 665

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

All

**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.**

The Gloria (Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)

Hymnal S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Acts 17: 22-31

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66: 7-18 *Jubilate Deo*

BCP 673

Lector We will read the Psalm responsively. *Congregation reads bold lines.*

Bless our God, you peoples; *

make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life, *

and will not allow our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have proved us; *

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare; *

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *

which I promised with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *

I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, *

and I will tell you what he has done for me.

I called out to him with my mouth, *

and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had found evil in my heart, *

the Lord would not have heard me;

But in truth God has heard me; *

he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *

nor withheld his love from me.

Lector and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The Second Lesson: I Peter 3: 13-22

Lector A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence.

Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Please stand as able.

In your mercy, Lord, you called me (verses 1 & 2)

Hymnal 706

The Gospel: John 14: 15-21

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn

In your mercy, Lord, you called me (verse 3)

Hymnal 706

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as able.

**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 *Common Worship, Intercessions for Eastertide*
Please assume a posture of prayer, whether standing, kneeling, or sitting as able.

Intercessor We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.
Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace
of your gospel to the nations.
Jesus, Lord of life,
People **in your mercy, hear us.**

Intercessor Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life,

People **in your mercy, hear us.**

Intercessor Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way, praying especially for

People **Drew, Jackie & Russ C., Jeanette, Walter, Jim N., Vicky & Dave, the McAfee family, Marshall S., Brenda B., and all who are in pain or distress; and all who are suffering due to oppression, war, gun violence, or natural disasters.**

Intercessor Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

People **in your mercy, hear us.**

Intercessor Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. Jesus, Lord of life,

People **in your mercy, hear us.**

Intercessor Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you.

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

People **in your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.**

Celebrant Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Silence is held for individual confession before we say the Confession together.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All 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.
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.**

Celebrant

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

Please stand as able.

Brief Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

All things bright and beautiful

Hymnal 405

Doxology (Spoken at 8:00. Sung together at 10:30.)

Hymnal 380, verse 3

Celebrant

For all things come from you, O Lord;

People

and of your own have we given you.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Sursum Corda (Lift Up Your Hearts)

Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30

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 our 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 (say) this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)

Hymnal S-129

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant 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. (Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)

Hymnal S-146

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

All *The Lord’s Prayer*

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleuia, Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Hymn (Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)

Hymnal S-163

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We encourage you to come forward to receive Holy Communion as you feel comfortable. Remain seated until the usher directs you forward. After receiving communion, 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, you may come forward along with those receiving communion. Please cross your arms over your chest to show that you prefer a blessing.

Communion Hymn

(congregation, please join choir in singing)

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Hymnal 339

Post-Communion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **God of abundance,**

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one

with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings § The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

Hymnal 460

The Dismissal

Postlude

Parish Announcements, Prayers & Thanksgivings

The Feast of Pentecost is Sunday, May 24

We will join together for ‘
one worship service at 9:30 a.m.,
followed by
a coffee hour extravaganza.

*Would you like to bring something
to share for this special coffee hour?
Look for a sign-up sheet
next week in the Parish Hall.*

Requesting Flower Donations

We all enjoy the variety of flowers that
enhance our worship times each week and
are asking members to consider participating
as they wish. The usual donation is \$50 and is
accompanied by the dedication (e.g., in honor
or memory of a loved one, or for someone’s
birthday or anniversary).

Both can be turned into the office,
as well as written on the flower chart
(upstairs in the Parish Hall).

Questions? Contact Amy in the church office,
or Rosemary Kitts, Flower Guild coordinator.

Our parish prayer list

Drew, Jackie & Russ C., Jeanette, Jim N.,
Walter, Vicky & Dave, the McAfee family,
Marshall S., and Brenda B.

Continuing prayers for

Brian E., Jim; Daphne; Rosemary O.;
the Hentchel family; Pat; Claire; Sandy;
Rob & Sherry; Cheri; Jane;
Shannon; Jim; Mel; Wayne; Diana N.; Jack;
Ashley; Raynella; Ed & Jean; Kim E.; Joe;
Beverly; Grace; Virginia; Betty Anne; Janey;
Johnny; and Karen H.

Pray for our vestry leaders

Class of 2026: Alice A., Dianna S., Jenny L.
Class of 2027: Bev B., Karen B., Mark H.
Class of 2028: Holly P., Tom R., Bonnie S.
Wardens: Bonnie S. and Mark H.;
Treasurer: Sally L.

May Birthdays

Will Heathcote May 4
Ron Bailey May 12
Lois Koenig May 14
Jacob Cardwell May 22
David Pate May 23
Debbie Hines May 26
John Cardwell May 28

May Anniversaries

Liz and Jon Berg May 23
Jen and Mark Hennes May 23

For Your Calendars

THIS WEEK

May 10	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Acolyte	Judy Hadjian	Monty Ross	Altar Guild Donna Bye
Euch. Minister	Mark Hennes	Drew Hawley	Flower Guild Dianna Stimpson
Lector	Holly Pate	Liz Berg	Organist Jedediah Dahl
Ushers	Jen Hennes	Andy Hadjian & Garry Lucas	
Coffee Hour	Rosemary Kitts	Jenny Lucas	Celebrant-Preacher The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges
Video	n/a	Mark Blakley	Offering Counters Ginny Tolbert &
Chancellor	Jerry Ploeger	Nelda Griffith	Jean Cardwell

NEXT WEEK

May 17	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Acolyte	Holly Pate	Monty Ross	Altar Guild Janey Coombes & Judy Egan
Euch. Minister	Donna Bye	Jane Mocilac	Flower Guild Betty Martin
Lector	Mark Hennes	Alice Anderson	Organist Jedediah Dahl
Ushers	Carl Bye	Garry Lucas & Drew Hawley	Celebrant The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges
Coffee Hour	Jen Hennes	Jackie Buttinelli	Preacher Mark Smith
Video	n/a	Bob Cantine	Offering Counters Ginny Tolbert &
Chancellor	Peggy Rogers	Jenny Lucas	Nelda Griffith

This Week at Resurrection

- Sunday, May 10**
 Sunday worship, 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 Coffee hour after the services, Parish Hall
- Monday, May 11**
 10:30 a.m. Companions group, classroom
- Tuesday, May 12**
 1 p.m. Education for Ministry, Library
- Wednesday, May 13**
 NO Midweek Eucharist today
 (resumes May 20)
- Sunday, May 17**
 Sunday worship, 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 Coffee hour after the services, Parish Hall

Coming Soon @ Resurrection

Sunday, May 24, 9:30 a.m.
Joint worship service for Pentecost
Coffee hour extravaganza to follow!

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Art & Scripture Reflection

Brian Whelan. *The Last Supper*, c. 2017, Private Collection; © Brian Whelan (www.brianwhelan.co.uk).

In many representations of the Last Supper Christ is the only agent. Not so in Brian Whelan's composition. He shows the disciples holding up objects representing their work, such as fish and money bags, or the instruments of their future martyrdom, as they take their part in Jesus's eucharistic offering.

The Last Supper is not overtly described in John's Gospel but rather the pro-sacrificial foot-washing. The inner meaning of both supper and washing is, however, being explored in the long Farewell Discourse of John 13–17 in which Jesus prepares his disciples for his going away. In John 14:3, Jesus refers to the many dwellings in his Father's house and promises 'I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also'.

Clasping their objects, Whelan's disciples are already predicting and embracing their future heavenly dwelling with Christ, with Judas, in the upper part of the painting, rashly spilling the salt as he reaches for the bread, presaging his own dark participation in suffering. Augustine and Aquinas alike interpreted the 'many rooms' of John 14:2 as different levels of beatitude. In a comparable spirit, Whelan reveals an array of character and difference, with John gazing meditatively into the poisoned chalice at the lower left, while Bartholomew at the upper left views the dagger of his future flaying with understandable trepidation, requiring Christ's comforting words that open the chapter: 'let not your hearts be troubled' (John 14:1).

Talk by Christ of his disciples 'knowing the way' (John 14:4) prompts Thomas to say that they do not at all know the direction, to which Jesus replies: 'I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me' (14:6). Whelan's vibrant painting of incipient martyr apostles can be seen as a vivid exegesis of those words. To follow the way of Jesus is to embrace a life of service and of suffering. It will be different for each follower of Jesus, but each personal enactment indwells with Christ and is united to his salvific activity. The way and the dwelling can already be experienced here and now.

Commentary source

Alison Milbank. 2018. 'Finding The Way,' in *The Visual Commentary on Scripture* ed. by Ben Quash. (London: The Visual Commentary on Scripture Foundation). [Accessed 28.4.2026] <https://thevcs.org/finding-and-abiding#finding-way>
