



Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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 I.

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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://www.youtube.com/@ChurchoftheResurrectionLoudon).

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Service of the Word

Prelude

Entrance Hymn

Hail the day that sees him rise

Please stand as able.

Hymnal 214

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, 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 *Exsurgat Deus*

BCP 676

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

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *

let those who hate him flee before him.

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.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *

let them also be merry and joyful.

Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;

exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *

YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

Father of orphans, defender of widows, *

God in his holy habitation!

God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *

but the rebels shall live in dry places.

O God, when you went forth before your people, *

when you marched through the wilderness,

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.

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *

you refreshed the land when it was weary.

Your people found their home in it; *

in your goodness, O God,

you have made provision for the poor.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *

sing praises to the Lord.

He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *

he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God; *

his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

How wonderful is God in his holy places! *

the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!

Blessed be God!

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 4:12-14; 5: 6-11

Lector A reading from the First Letter 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

Please stand as able.

Lord of all hopefulness (verses 1-3)

Hymnal 482

The Gospel: John 17: 1-11

Celebrant 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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness (verse 4)

Hymnal 482

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 Music *See the Conqueror mounts in triumph* Hymnal 215

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)

Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

Hymnal 315

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

Hail thee, festival day!

Hymnal 216

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.

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, Lee R., 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 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 & Nelda Griffith
Chancellor	Peggy Rogers	Jenny Lucas	

NEXT WEEK

May 24	9:30 a.m. (one service for Pentecost)		
Acolyte	Jack Lefler		Altar Guild Donna Jackson
Euch. Minister	Donna Bye		Flower Guild Kathy Pittman
Lector	Alice Anderson		Organist Jedediah Dahl
Ushers	Carl Bye, Garry Lucas & Drew Hawley		
Coffee Hour	Elizabeth and Steve Botica (and others)		Celebrant/Preacher The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges
Video	Mark Blakley		Offering Counters Andy Hadjian & Jean Cardwell
Chancellor	Peggy Rogers		

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**
 Spoken Noon Eucharist, Nave
- 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!

Email Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Dr. Becky Bridges:
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Art & Scripture Reflection

Unknown Syrian artist. *Ascension*, from the Rabbula (Rabula) Gospels, c.586, Tempera on parchment, Biblioteca Medicea Laurenziana, Florence; Cod. Plut. I. 56, fol. 13v.

This is really *the* icon of the Ascension, the earliest icon (though in a manuscript), that also established the iconography of the feast. An icon does not depict an historical event, but a liturgical event: it is the liturgical meaning that the iconographer is trying to capture, not an historical scene.

The liturgical meaning of the Ascension is expressed in one of the verses for the kontakion (a verse sermon) of the feast, composed by Romanos the Melodist (c.500–after 555), just a few decades before the making of the sixth-century Rabbula Gospels:

When you had fulfilled your dispensation for us, and united things on earth with things in heaven, you were taken up in glory, Christ our God; in no way parted, but remaining inseparable, you cried to those who loved you: I am with you, and there is no one against you. (Lash 1994: 195)

The meaning of the Ascension for Christians is that everything Christ came to do has been fulfilled, that he is received into glory, without being separated from those who loved him, who have the assurance of his enduring presence with them. Christ departs, but his presence, his blessing (cf. Luke 24:51), remains.

In the icon, there is a clear separation between Christ ascending and the apostles who remain on earth, and yet that separation is not division—angels receive Christ; there are angels, too, with the Mother of God and the apostles.

In this icon, Mary, the Mother of God, is always depicted at the centre of the apostolic band (though Acts is not so explicit), and depicted in prayer, in the orans position, for it is prayer that bridges the distance between heaven and earth. Nor is the apostolic band ‘historical’, because the apostle Paul is clearly depicted, opposite Peter, for this is the apostolic Church in nuce, led by the leaders of the apostles, Peter and Paul.

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