



Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
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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. Also, 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 Hymnal 1982* (the blue book). 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 9:30, live on Facebook,
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**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.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Genesis 21:8-21

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*

BCP 120

Lector We will say the Song of Simeon in unison.

**Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes have mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.**

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: Philippians 4:1-9

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge

Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Please stand as able.

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace (verses 1-3)

Hymnal 347

The Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

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

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

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows

sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

Sequence Hymn
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace (verse 4)

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 Form VI BCP 392
Please assume a posture of prayer, whether standing, kneeling, or sitting as able.

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
For all people in their daily life and work;
People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for
those who are alone, praying especially for Mark S., the
Hennessy family, Jackie & Russ C., Jeanette, Walter,
Jim N., Vicky & Dave, Bill & Martha F., the McAfee
family, and all who are in pain or distress.**

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;
People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression, and all who are suffering due to war, gun violence, or natural disasters.**

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; and Brian our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great.**

Celebrant Lord, you have apportioned to your people the manifold gifts of the Spirit: Grant amid the changes of the world that your Church may abide, and be strengthened in ministry through continuous outpouring of your gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.**

Liturgy for the Ending of a Pastoral Relationship

Celebrant On the 7th day of May 2025, I was inducted by Bishop Cole as priest-in-charge of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Loudon. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities. After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as priest-in-charge of Resurrection, Loudon, ends this day.

Senior Warden Do you, the people of the Church of the Resurrection, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

People **We do.**

Celebrant then presents the warden the keys of the parish and the service book.

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you have bound us together for a time as pastor and people to work for the advancement of your realm in this place.

People **We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.**

Silence is held.

All **We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures.**

Silence is held.

Celebrant We thank you for your never-failing presence with us through this time, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other that we have attained.

People **We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.**

Silence is held.

Celebrant Now, we pray, be with me as I leave, and be with those who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand as able.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Music *Thine Is the Glory* Handel (Judas Maccabeus)

Doxology *Spoken in today's service.*

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) *Chanted responsively in this service.*

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. Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

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 (Spoken in this service.)

**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.

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.** *(The Great Amen is spoken in today's service.)*

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

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

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

Fraction Hymn

Spoken at today's service.

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

I want to walk as a child of the light

congregation, please join choir in singing

Hymnal 490

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings § The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

All my hope on God is founded

Hymnal 665

The Dismissal and Postlude

Parish Announcements, Prayers & Thanksgivings

Today's altar flowers
are given by the
Daughters of the King
in memory of
Kathleen Bailey
for her birthday, June 25, from
her Daughters of the King Sisters.

June Anniversaries

Holly and David Pate June 7
Elizabeth and Steve Botica June 11
Bonnie and Mark Smith June 12
Beverly and Bob Cantine June 15
Kim and Marc Strong June 16
Donna and Carl Bye June 25

Our Parish Prayer List

Mark S., the Hennessy Family, Jackie & Russ
C., Jeanette, Jim N., Walter, Vicky & Dave,
Lee R., Bill & Martha F., and the McAfee family,

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; 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.

June Birthdays

Holly Pate June 2
Steve Botica June 4
Kim Strong June 8
Judy Egan June 10
Peggy Rogers June 10
Drew Hawley June 12
Beth Stahr June 13
Kathy Pittman June 15
Tony Adams June 24
Danielle Ledyard June 27

For Your Calendars

THIS WEEK

June 21	9:30 a.m.		
Acolyte	Mark Smith	Altar Guild	Judy Egan & Janey Coombes
Euch. Minister	Jack Lefler	Flower Guild	Betty Martin
Lector	Alice Anderson	Organist	Jedediah Dahl
Ushers	Garry Lucas & Keytha Graves	Celebrant/Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges
Coffee Hour	Erlys Ploeger, Jackie Buttinelli et al		
Video	Monty Ross	Offering Counters	Ginny Tolbert & Nelda Griffith
Chancellor	Peggy Rogers		

NEXT WEEK

June 28	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Acolyte	Donna Bye	Drew Hawley	Altar Guild Donna Bye
Euch. Minister	Judy Hadjian	Jane Mocilac	Flower Guild Judy Hadjian
Lector	Diane Van Koughnett	Monty Ross	Organist Jedediah Dahl
Ushers	Andrew Wilkinson	Art Stewart & Keytha Graves	Celebrant & Preacher
Coffee Hour	Cal Van Koughnett	Ginny Tolbert	The Rev. Canon Joe Woodfin
Video	n/a	Bob Cantine	Offering Counters Jean Cardwell & Andy Hadjian
Chancellor	Carl Bye	David Baumgardner	

This Week at Resurrection

Saturday, June 27, 9:30 a.m.

Daughters of the King will meet in the Parish Hall, downstairs classroom.

Sunday, June 28, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Canon Joe Woodfin will be celebrating and preaching at both services.

Coming Soon @ Resurrection

Sunday, July 5, worship at 10 a.m.

Priest: The Rev. Canon Michael Spear-Jones

In observance of the United States of America's 250th birthday, please join us for a barbecue picnic following the 10 a.m. service.

The church will provide pork, buns, and lemonade. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall to bring sides and desserts.

Friends and family are welcome!

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Art & Scripture Reflection

Edmonia Lewis, *Hagar*, 1875, Marble, Smithsonian American Art Museum; Gift of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., 1983.95.178, Retrieved from <https://americanart.si.edu/artwork/hagar-14627>

Hagar leaves her master Abraham's household twice. In Genesis 16, while pregnant with his son Ishmael, she runs away to escape his wife Sarah's abuse, but in Genesis 21 she and Ishmael are expelled. In the wilderness, Hagar also experiences two theophanies or appearances of the divine. The angel tells her to return to her mistress Sarah in Genesis 16, while in Genesis 21, the angel appears after Hagar moves away from Ishmael so as to avoid watching him die of thirst.

The neo-classical sculpture *Hagar* by Native- and African-American sculptor Edmonia Lewis captures the moment when Hagar's despair is transformed. Lewis presents Hagar as alone in the wilderness without her son. Only the empty water jug at her feet suggests the episode in Genesis 21. Hagar seems to be in motion. Her right heel is lifted, her left leg steps forward, and her clothing is pressed to her body. Yet, she does not appear to be running or fleeing danger. Although her single bared breast and knees are visible, she is not a dishevelled desert traveller crawling in anguish or panting with thirst. While other artists focus on Hagar's grief and agony, Lewis offers a hopeful Hagar. With hands clasped together, her upturned eyes suggest that Lewis may be depicting the point at which the angel calls to her.

In the midst of this life-and-death crisis, Hagar is expectant. God has heard Ishmael. It is not clear how things will unfold, but she and her son will live. She is anticipating what God has in store for her, her son, and the nation that his descendants will become. Lewis's *Hagar* seems grateful to God who has been faithful to his promises to Abraham's first-born son.

Reference

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