



Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026 8:00 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. 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* (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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If you can't make it here in person, join us at 10:30, live on Facebook,
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Service of the Word

Prelude *Imagine* John Lennon (organ instrumental)

Entrance Hymn *Please stand as able.*
 God is working His purpose out Hymnal 534

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity BCP 355

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

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

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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Genesis 25:19-34

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:105-112 *Lucerna pedibus meis*

BCP 763

Lector We will read the Psalm responsively.

Congregation reads bold lines.

"Your word is a lantern to my feet*

and a light upon my path.

"I have sworn and am determined*

to keep your righteous judgments.

"I am deeply troubled;*

preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

"Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips,*

and teach me your judgments.

"My life is always in my hand, *

yet I do not forget your law.

"The wicked have set a trap for me, *

but I have not strayed from your commandments.

"Your decrees are my inheritance for ever;*

truly, they are the joy of my heart.

"I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes*

for ever and to the end."

The Second Lesson: Romans 8:1-11

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Gospel

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Spread, O spread, Thou mighty word (verses 1-3)

Please stand as able.

Hymnal 530

The Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

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

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Sequence Hymn
Spread, O spread, Thou mighty word (verses 4-5) Hymnal 530

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**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.

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, neighbors, & for those who are alone.**

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.**

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,

We pray especially for Mark S., the Hennessy family, Bill & Martha F., Jackie & Russ C., Lee R. Jeanette, Walter R., Vicky & Dave, & all who are in pain or distress.

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

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, 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

Surely it is God who saves me

Hymnal 679

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

Hymnal 380, verse 3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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 he 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. (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 Alleluia, 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)

Blessed Jesus at Thy Word

Hymnal 440

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

All 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.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings § The Blessing

BCP 830 & 431

Recessional Hymn

Lord, make us servants of Your peace

Hymnal 709

The Dismissal

Postlude

Lord, make us servants of Your peace

Hymnal 709

Parish Announcements, Prayers & Thanksgivings

Today's altar flowers
are given by
Jane Mocilac
in loving memory of Glenn Boyles.

Rector Search

Anyone interested in serving on the Search Committee for our next rector should email his or her name to Bonnie **TODAY** (SeniorWarden@EpiscopalLoudon.com).

Friendship Kitchen Drivers Are Needed:

Please consider giving one hour of time the third Monday of alternating months, beginning July 20, to deliver meals to those in need in our community. See Jan Sampson for more details.

July 30

The Episcopal Church Women's Luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Back-to-school supplies will be accepted at the door for Loudon Elementary School.

Crayola Washable Markers: For back to school, Good Samaritan is collecting Crayola washable markers. We already purchased and delivered eight cases (100 boxes) at a cost of \$45 each. Donations of this amount—or any other!—are appreciated. Please write on the memo line of your check “school supplies.” See Jenny Lucas for more details.

August 9

Ice Cream Social at 4 p.m.

**Please join us in prayer for:
Diocesan:**

July 12: For Young Persons, (BCP, p. 829)
For Stewardship of Creation (BCP, p. 259)

July 19: For the Unity of the Church, (BCP, p. 255)
For the Human Family (BCP, p. 815)

Our parish prayer list:

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

Continuing prayers for

Jim N., Brian E., Jim, Daphne, Rosemary O., the Hentchel family, Pat, Claire, Sandy, Rob & Sherry, Jim, Mel, Wayne; Diana N., Ashley; Kim E., Joe, Beverly, Grace, Virginia, and Johnny.

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.

July Birthdays

Bill Schwindt	July 5
Mark Smith	July 5
Ginny Tolbert	July 16
Judy Hadjian	July 17
Judith Kubesh	July 17
Pam McCoy	July 20
Beverly Cantine	July 23
Monty Ross	July 25
Janey Coombes	July 26
Thomas Fiebke Jr.	July 31

July Anniversaries

Andy & Judy Hadjian	July 3
John & Pam McCoy	July 4
Keytha Graves & Drew Hawley	July 6
Steve Abercrombie & Nelda Griffith	July 29

For Your Calendars

THIS WEEK

July 12	8:00	10:30 a.m.		
Acolyte	Holly Pate	Mark Smith	Altar Guild	Dianna Stimpson & Jenny Lucas
Euch. Minister	Judy Hadjian	Bonnie Smith	Flower Guild	Rosemary Kitts
Lector	Peggy Rogers	Tony Adams	Organist	Jedediah Dahl
Ushers	Jerry Ploeger	Drew Hawley & Keytha Graves		
Coffee Hour	Erlys Ploeger	Betsy Schwindt	Celebrant	Marc Strong
Video		Bill Schwindt	Offering Counters	Alice Anderson
Chancellor	Carl Bye	Nelda Griffith		& Bill Schwindt

NEXT WEEK

July 19	8:00	10:30 a.m.		
Acolyte	Andrew Wilkinson	Drew Hawley	Altar Guild	Keytha Graves & Drew Hawley
Euch. Minister	Mark Hennes	Jane Mocilac	Flower Guild	Betty Martin
Lector	Jack Lefler	Bill Perry	Organist	Jedediah Dahl
Ushers	Jen Hennes	David Baumgardner & Jan Hannah		
Coffee Hour	Rosemary	Elizabeth & Steve Botica	Celebrant	Mary Davis
Video		Mark Blakley	Offering Counters	Jean Cardwell &
Chancellor	Diane Van Koughnett			& Ginny Tolbert

This Week at Resurrection

Sunday, July 12

Let's welcome the Rev. Dr. Marc Strong who is celebrating and preaching at both services today.

The Worship Committee will meet at 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, July 15

The Vestry will meet at 1 p.m. in the conference room.

Thursday, July 16

Prayers and Squares will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

For pastoral needs, please contact the office at 865.986.2390 or Office@EpiscopalLoudon.com during regular hours.

For urgent after-hours pastoral needs, please call 865.242.9240. The chairs of the Pastoral Care Committee can be reached at this number and are able to connect you with pertinent resources.

Email Senior Warden Bonnie Smith:
SeniorWarden@EpiscopalLoudon.com
Email Junior Warden Mark Hennes:
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Coming Soon at Resurrection

Monday, July 20

Friendship Kitchen will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m.; five drivers are needed.

Wednesday, July 22

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet at 1 p.m.
Staff meeting will be at 1 p.m.

Thursday, July 23

The Finance Committee will meet at 3 p.m.

Saturday, July 25

DOK will meet at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 30

The ECW luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. See *The Tidings*, Elizabeth Botica, or Diane Van Koughnett for more details

Sunday, August 9

Ice Cream Social at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, August 11-12

Annual sunrise hike in Cades Cove:
See *The Tidings* of Andy Hadjian for more details.

Office Hours

Tuesdays & Fridays	10 am – 2 pm
Wednesdays	12 pm – 4 pm
Mondays & Thursdays	closed

Art & Scripture Reflection

James Tissot (Nantes, France, 1836–1902, Chenecey–Buillon, France). *The Sower (Le Semeur)*, 1886–1894. Opaque watercolor over graphite on gray wove paper, Image: 9 3/4 x 5 3/8 in. (24.8 x 13.7 cm) Sheet: 9 3/4 x 5 3/8 in. (24.8 x 13.7 cm) Frame: 20 x 15 x 1 1/2 in. (50.8 x 38.1 x 3.8 cm). Brooklyn Museum, Purchased by public subscription, 00.159.119. (Photo: Brooklyn Museum)

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In this chapter of Matthew, Jesus teaches frequently with parables, or fables—a strategy that frustrates His disciples, who ask Him why He uses this challenging method of preaching.

To explain His pedagogy, Jesus invokes yet another parable, the fable of the sower. The sower scatters his seeds on inhospitable terrain—rocky, thorny, and dry—seemingly to no effect. However, many of the seeds do find fertile ground, producing a plentiful harvest. For Jesus, His words are like the seeds of the sower: accepted by those who are willing and ready to listen.