



Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 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.

To learn more about Resurrection, check out www.EpiscopalLoudon.com,
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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.com/@ChurchoftheResurrectionLoudon).

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Service of the Word

Prelude *Jesu, meine Freude* Walther (Brock 51, Variation 10)

Entrance Hymn *Please stand as able.*
 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart Hymnal 488

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 God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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: Genesis 29:15-28

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to

Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b *Confitemini, Domino*

BCP 738

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

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;*

make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,*

and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name;*

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength;*

continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done,*

his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant,*

O children of Jacob his chosen.

He is the Lord our God,*

his judgments prevail in all the world.

He has always been mindful of his covenant,*

the promise he made for a thousand generations:

The covenant he made with Abraham,*

the oath that he swore to Isaac,

Which he established as a statute for Jacob,*

an everlasting covenant for Israel,

Saying, “To you will I give the land of Canaan”

to be your allotted inheritance.”

Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson: Romans 8:26-39

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gospel

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Thy kingdom come! On bended knee (verses 1-3)

Please stand as able.

Hymnal 615

The Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

Sequence Hymn

Thy kingdom come! On bended knee (verses 4-5)

Hymnal 615

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.

The Leader and People pray responsively.

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

People For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and 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 the Search Committee members: Alice Anderson, Andrew Wilkinson, Ben Williams, Rosemary Kitts, & Co-chairs Sally Leonhard & Steve Botica; as well as Bill S.; the Hennessy family; Bill & Martha F.; Jackie & Russ C.; Jeanette; Walter; 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

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Hymnal 711

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)

Commit thou all that grieves thee

Hymnal 669

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

Thou Lord will come and not be slow

Hymnal 462

The Dismissal

Postlude

Thou Lord will come and not be slow

Hymnal 462

Parish Announcements, Prayers & Thanksgivings

Today's altar flowers
are given by
Beverly & Bob Cantine
in memory of their grandmothers,
Anna Dale, Elsie Somerville,
& Celia Riddell.

July 30

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

August 9

Worship Committee meeting at 11:45 a.m.
Ice Cream Social at 4 p.m.—Calling all ice cream makers! Help us stay cool with an old-fashioned ice cream social. Store-bought ice cream is great, too, as well as toppings & cookies. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Family, friends, & neighbors are welcome—just let us know how many to expect!

August 11-12

Come join us in our **annual Cades Cove Sunrise Hike** with options of a 4-, 7-, or 11-mile hike through Cades Cove after overnighting in Townsend. For more information, please see Andy Hadjian or call him at 865.657.9465.

Please join us in praying::

Diocesan Prayers:

St. James, Greeneville, TN

St. Thomas, Sturgis, SD

St. James, Belle Fourche, SD

Our parish prayer list:

Search Committee members: Alice Anderson, Andrew Wilkinson, Ben Williams, Rosemary Kitts, & Co-chairs Sally Leonhard & Steve Botica; Bill S.; the Hennessy family; Bill & Martha F.; Lee R.; Jackie & Russ C.; Lee R., 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.

Ruby Moyle Nicholson passed away Thursday, July 23. McGill Click is serving the family. Arrangements to be determined.

July & August Birthdays

Janey Coombes July 26
Thomas Fiebke Jr. July 31
Judy Keller August 3
Bryan Ledyard.....August 3
Alice Anderson August 5
Pam McAfee.....August 12
Linda Lefler.....August 15

July & August Anniversaries

Keytha Graves & Drew Hawley July 6
Steve Abercrombie & Nelda Griffith July 29
Betsy & Bill Schwindt.....August 1
Dianna & Pete Stimpson.....August 5
Karen & Mark Blakley.....August 13

For Your Calendars

THIS WEEK

July 26	8:00	10:30 a.m.		
Acolyte	Judy Hadjian	Mark Smith	Altar Guild	Beverly Baumgardner
Euch. Minister	Andrew Wilkinson	Drew Hawley	Flower Guild	Beverly Baumgardner
Lector	Holly Pate	Jackie Buttinelli	Organist	Jedediah Dahl
Ushers	Carl Bye	Gary Lucas & Andy Hadjian		
Coffee Hour	Donna Bye	Monty Ross	Celebrant & Preacher	Marshall Scott
Video		Bob Cantine	Offering Counters	Andy Hadjian
Chancellor	Peggy Rogers	Art Stewart		& Bill Schwindt

NEXT WEEK

August 2	8:00	10:30 a.m.		
Acolyte	Jack Lefler	Monty Ross	Altar Guild	Donna Bye
Euch. Minister	Holly Pate	Judy Egan	Flower Guild	Rosemary Kitts
Lector	Jerry Ploeger	Bonnie Smith	Organist	Jedediah Dahl
Ushers	Andrew Wilkinson	Keytha Graves & Art Stewart		
Coffee Hour	Jen Hennes	Ginny Tolbert	Celebrant	Marshall Scott
Video		Ann Murphy	Offering Counters	Alice Anderson
Chancellor	Jerry Ploeger	David Baumgardner		& Nelda Griffith

This Week at Resurrection

Sunday, July 26

4Paws Sunday with Marshall Scott celebrating and preaching.

Thursday, July 30

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

Coming Soon at Resurrection

Sunday, August 9

Save the date for our ice cream social at 4 p.m!

Tuesday, August 11-12

Annual sunrise hike in Cades Cove, overnighing in Townsend. See *The Tidings* or contact Andy Hadjian at 865.235.8457 for more details. A sign-up sheet is 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.

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Office Hours

Tuesdays & Fridays

10 am – 2 pm

Wednesdays

12 pm – 4 pm

Mondays & Thursdays

closed

Art & Scripture Reflection

Fetti, Domenico (Deutsch, approx. 1589-1623, Vienna, Austria). *Parable of the Pearl of Great Price*. Oil on Poplar Wood; Image: 23.90 x 17.30 in. (60.5 x 44 cm)
Provenance: Slg. Leopold Wilhelm, Kunsthistorisches Museum Wien

<https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/artworks/54995>
[Accessed July 21, 2026]

Fetti, Domenico, (approximately 1589-1623). *Parable of the Pearl of Great Price*, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/artworks/54995> [retrieved July 21, 2026]. Original source: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Domenico_Fetti_014.jpg.

This beautiful 17th-century oil painting from the workshop of Italian Baroque master Domenico Fetti brings Jesus' words in Matthew 13:45–46 to life. The artwork depicts the precise moment a merchant discovers a pearl of ultimate value and joyfully decides to sell everything he owns to buy it. It serves as a visual reminder of the true worth of the Kingdom of Heaven and the wholehearted devotion it inspires in our lives. The original piece is preserved today in the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna.