

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
November 8, 2026
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Good Morning!

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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.

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Our services follow the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), the red book in your pew rack. If you'd prefer to use the book to follow the service, BCP pages are noted. Unless otherwise noted, our hymns are from *The Hymnal 1982*, the blue book in the pew rack. Hymns marked "S-xxx" refer to Service music, found in the very front of the book. Service music precedes the regular congregational hymns. For example, S-280 (The Gloria) is found before Hymn #1.

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Before the service, speak to God.
During the service, let God speak to you.
After the service, speak to one another.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Adagio from Concerto in A Minor, BWV 593 (after Vivaldi, Op. 3, no. 8) *(J. S. Bach)*

Entrance Hymn

O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand **Hymnal 709**

The Word of God

All standing, the Celebrant says: **BCP 355**

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

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

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity.

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 / 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,

We prepare for our time together. We take our places and allow the peaceful quiet to center and calm us.

The 8 a.m. service is spoken, while the 10:30 a.m. service is choral.

The bold portions are the parts the congregation says together. Remember that *liturgy* means "worshiping together." It is important that we make our responses in a good, strong voice.

The first prayer, said by the celebrant, is the **Collect for Purity**. A collect is a particular form of prayer, which names some attribute of God or something God has done, asks for something specific, and then closes with praise to God.

The service continues now with a **Song of Praise.** This song centers the service on the God we are gathered to praise in our worship.

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.

The Collect of the Day is written to go along with both the seasons of the church year and the readings for the day. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the Scripture for the day.

The Collect of the Day **BCP 236**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25

Lector A reading from the Book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that

your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Psalm 78:1-7 **BCP 694**

Lector We will read the Psalm responsively by half-verse.

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

We respond to each reading: the **Psalm** is our response to the Old Testament, in the second service, the hymn is

our sung response to the **Epistle** (the second reading), and the sermon and creed are our response to the **Gospel**.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
4 We will recount to generations to come the
praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
**that they in their turn might tell it
to their children;**
7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
**and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;**

Meaning literally "a letter," the name **Epistle** was given to the first of the two New Testament readings in the Eucharist. The majority of these passages are taken from the epistolary literature of the New Testament, such as the letters of Paul to communities of Christians in various places.

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Lector A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Sequence Hymn *Please stand as able.* **Hymnal 61**
Sleepers, wake! A Voice Astounds Us (vv. 1-2)

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13
All stand.

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

We stand to indicate the importance we place of Jesus' words and actions. The **Gospel** book comes into the midst of the people and all turn toward the reader.

Sequence Hymn **Hymnal 61**
Sleepers, wake! A Voice Astounds Us (v. 3)

Sermon **The Rev. Claire Keene**

A **Sermon** or a shorter teaching called a homily follows the Gospel. Since 1549, a sermon has been required at every Eucharist service.

The Nicene Creed **BCP 358**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

Originally the entire service was viewed as our confession of faith, but since the sixth century the church has recited the **Nicene Creed** at the Eucharist. The word *creed* comes from the Latin *credo* for "I believe."

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. The leader and people pray responsively.

Our prayers change each week, along with the lectionary. Please feel free to add those on your heart, either silently or aloud, at the appropriate place.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

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

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

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

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

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

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation,
We pray especially for the family of Patricia Graves; Julie & Brent M.; Stella Fiebke; Jennifer & Paul; Ingrid & Emma C.; Bob & Jan; Jackie Buttinelli & family, & all who are in pain or distress.

Gracious and loving God, give the members of our Search Committee wisdom and understanding as they strive to discern your will. Grant them most importantly openness to your Holy Spirit, the gift of honesty to speak the truth in love, the willingness to hear the ideas of others, and the ability to see your light shining on the path ahead through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hold a moment of silence.
The people may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

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.**

Confession of Sin BCP 359

The Officiant says to the people:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.
Officiant and People together, all kneeling:

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.

The Officiant says:

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 **Confession of Sin** helps us examine our hearts and hear of God's forgiveness. We ask God's forgiveness for things done and things left undone.

The Peace BCP 360

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The **Peace**, is a very ancient way for people to greet one another. When the celebrant says: "The Peace of the Lord be always with you," everyone responds: "And also with you." Then we share God's peace with one another.

Announcements &
Blessings of Birthdays & Anniversaries **BCP 830**

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant says:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme *(Walther)*
(organ)

The Celebrant invites the people's offerings

(Spoken at 8:00 a.m.)

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord;
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

Doxology *(Sung at 10:30 a.m.)(v. 3)* **Hymnal 380**

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.

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer A

The Celebrant says:

Sursum Corda (Lift Up Your Hearts) *(Spoken at 8 / Sung at 10:30)*

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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

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

The Liturgy of the Table

The second part of the liturgy moves to the Table. It is based on Jewish fellowship meals, particularly the Passover observance. We begin with the **Offertory**. We place the bread and the wine, as well as our collected offerings, on the altar in thanksgiving for all God has provided.

In this season, we use **Eucharistic Prayer A**, from the *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 361.

When we gather together we remember Jesus. Through repeating the words and actions of Jesus' last meal with his disciples, we ourselves join the story and make it our own. We don't just watch the drama or listen

to it unfold, but we enter the story as we, too, take the bread and wine and eat and drink.

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 this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People (Spoken at 8 / Sung at 10:30)

From the Latin for "holy," the **Sanctus** of a hymn of adoration and praise based on the song of the seraphim as recorded in Isaiah's vision of the Lord in the year King Uzziah died.

Sanctus **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. Then the Celebrant continues:

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.

The people stand or kneel, and the celebrant continues.

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.

The Celebrant continues:

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 / Sung at 10:30)* **Hymnal S-146**

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

Celebrant and People:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The "mystery of faith" echoes 1 Timothy 3:9, and has been used in Eucharistic Prayers since the seventh century.

The Great Amen is the only word in our *Book of Common Prayer* in all capital letters. It is the people's affirmation of all that has gone before and has been a practice since the second century.

This prayer of Jesus was given to his disciples as an example of how they should pray. The phrase "**Lord's Prayer**" is not used in the New Testament. It is similar to Jewish prayers: It begins with an address to God the Father, continues with petitions which ask God to act in a way so as to achieve his purposes, and then has petitions asking for God's help.

Receiving Communion
All are welcome at God's table. Hold out your hands and you will be given the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

Wine is available from the common chalice, as well as from individual cups. If you prefer NOT TO PARTAKE from the chalice, please indicate this by crossing your hands atop one another in front of you. You have fully received communion if you receive either the bread or the wine.

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
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 / 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.

The Celebrant says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion of the Faithful

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen**.
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen**.

Communion Hymn

Wayfaring Stranger *(insert)*

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: **BCP 365**

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.

We Go Into God's World

The Blessing

The priest blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord Is King! **Hymnal 481**

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

The Blessing: a priestly blessing first began with bishops in the fourth century then spread in practice by priests when the bishop was not present.

Dismissal: As the celebration ends, we are charged to "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." Therefore, the Eucharist is not an exclusive gathering that separates us from the world but a challenge to reach beyond our own church to the world around us in thanksgiving for all God's good and gracious gifts.

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