



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

*Sharing, Celebrating and Showing
Jesus Christ's Overflowing, Unconditional Love*

Holy Eucharist
Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

10:00 am



Entry into Worship

Hymn

Hail thee, festival day!

Hymnal, #216

✠ Opening Acclamation ✠

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.*

Gloria

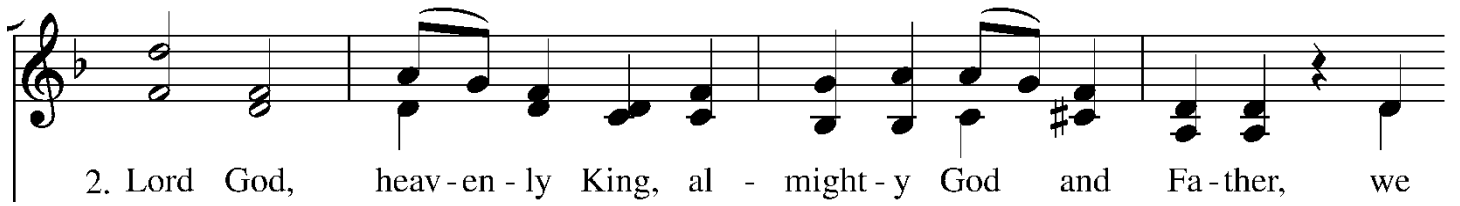
LEVAS, #243

Glo - ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —

1. Glo-ry to God — in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth. —



2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, - we give you thanks, - we praise you for - your glo-ry.


Unison



3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,



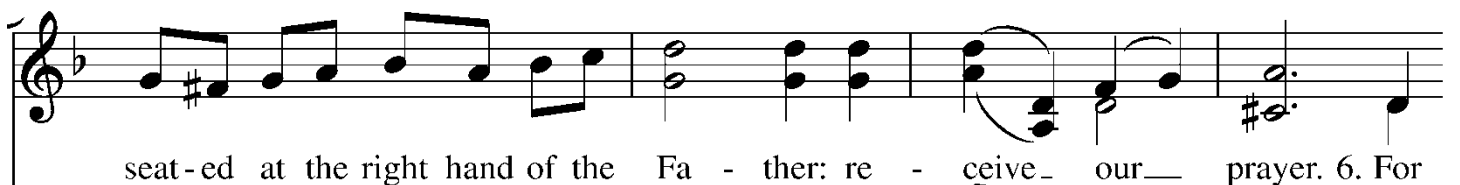
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Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. - 4. You



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive - our - prayer. 6. For



you a - lone - are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are - the Lord,

Unison

7. You a - lone_ are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
 glo - ry of the Fa - ther. Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we
 praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we
 Praise your Ho - ly name.
 A - - - men.

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Children leave for Children's Chapel

The Lessons

The Early Church

Acts 1:1-14

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

- ¹ Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.
- ² Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- ³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

- ⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- ⁵ Father of orphans, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation!
- ⁶ God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- ⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the
wilderness,
- ⁸ The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- ⁹ You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- ¹⁰ Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- ³³ Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.
- ³⁴ He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- ³⁵ Ascribe power to God;
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
- ³⁶ How wonderful is God in his holy places!
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

New Testament

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

The Gospel

John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

Sermon

The Rev. David Owren

The Nicene Creed

*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

As we give God thanks and praise in this season of Easter, we also lift high before God all for whom we pray. We raise our voices now to name aloud those people and places in need of God's life-giving and strengthening grace.

[People speak the names of those they hold in prayer]

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.
We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him,

you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

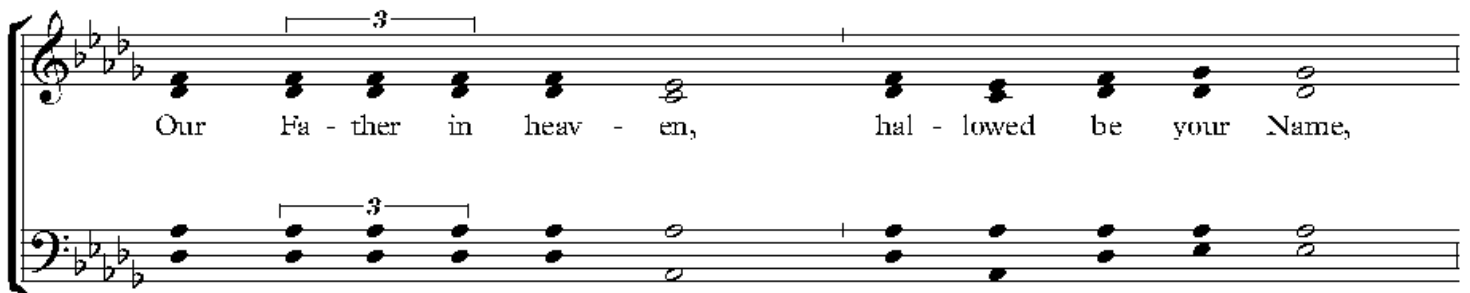
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.



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



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our sins

as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,

and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Dushe Moya Mass, David T. Gortner

The Breaking of the Bread

WLP, #880

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
 death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
 though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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Communion

People present may receive. People joining online receive inwardly, continuing to pray.

Hymns During Communion

Congregation members are encouraged to sing with the choir while praying.

Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

Hymnal, #315

Spirit of the Living God

LEVAS, #115

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,". The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef.

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

The second system of musical notation, continuing the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.".

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

The third system of musical notation, continuing the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.".

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

The fourth system of musical notation, concluding the hymn. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.".

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Prayer After Communion

*Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth into the world as a people forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*



Sending into the World

Hymn

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Hymnal, #182

Blessing and Dismissal

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

The Liturgy is drawn from a combination of sources:

*The Book of Common Prayer (Rite II); The Book of Occasional Services; Enriching Our Worship;
and adaptations to prayers made by the Rector of St. Luke's.*



Serving Today

Preacher/Presider	The Rev. David Owren
Readers	Dave and Nan Palmer
Chalice/Cruet	Matthew Gardner, Deacon Glenda
Acolytes	Kari Romeo, Matthew Gardner
Ushers	Gordon and Terri Radford
Altar Guild	Debbie Lane
Technology	Annette Knapp
Greeter	Cary Miller
Children's Chapel	Mike Dolan
Coffee Hour	Julia Hossack

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Dr. David Gortner	Rector
The Rev. Glenda Empsall	Deacon
DeDe Pederson	Parish Administrator
Erica Waterman	Lay Minister, Christian Formation
Eric Betz	Choir Director
Ty Peterson	Organist



Welcome to St. Luke's! We are so glad to have you join us in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Easter is a season of wonder, joy, surprise, and gratitude for all God's goodness that makes life new.

We are a reconciling, affirming, inclusive Christian community that embraces all people in worship, love, and service.

God created you and treasures you.

Join us as we seek to follow Jesus, sharing, celebrating, and showing Christ's boundless love.

We seek to move deeper in faith, closer in bonds of love, and wider in our sharing of God's care in all our communities.



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