

MORNING PRAYER II WITH COMMUNION



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A MAY 17, 2026 - 8 A.M.

Welcome to St. Edward's Episcopal Church. Come as you are. St. Edward's affirms the dignity of every human being. God's abundant love is here for all.

If you are visiting with us today, please fill out a Visitor Card and give it to one of our ushers, so we can send you more information about our church. We are blessed that you are here, and we look forward to meeting you!

PRELUDE **King Jesus hath a garden** Carla Strott
PROCESSIONAL **Jesus Christ is risen today** **BLUE HYMNAL 207**

All stand, if able.

OPENING SENTENCE

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:57)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Please kneel, if able.*

BCP 79

INVITATORY AND PSALTER *Please stand, if able.*

BCP 80

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.**

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

BCP 83

Antiphon: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed. Come let us adore Him. Alleluia.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 1:6-14

A Lesson from the Book of Acts.

When the apostles 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.

Lector: Here ends the Lesson.

CANTICLE 16. THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH *All stand, if able.*

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SECOND LESSON *Please be seated.*

JOHN 17:1-11

A Reading from the Gospel of John.

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."

Lector: Here ends the Lesson.

THE HOMILY *Please be seated.*

The Rev. Fabio Sotelo

APOSTLES CREED *Please stand if able.*

BCP 96

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Officiant: Glorify your Name, O Holy One, and fill the world with your eternal life, that all people may be one in you as you are one in Christ.

Litanist: Bless your Church throughout the world, O Gracious One, that she may devote herself to prayer and be your witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Sing to God;

sing praises to God's Name.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth, be glad and rejoice, that God may finish the work that Christ began to bring peace and unity to the world. Sing to God;

sing praises to God's Name.

Let your Name dwell with us in our community, O Compassionate One, to refresh our land, bless our homes, and make provision for the poor, that we may be one as you are one. Sing to God;

sing praises to God's Name.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care those who are serving in our armed forces at home and abroad, Isaiah, Keira, Juwan, Jason, Christopher, Cole, Akeal, Lyndell, Jacques, Edgar, and Yancy (*the congregation may add more names*). Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. Sing to God;

sing praises to God's Name.

We pray for God's mercy on the members of our diocesan family currently held in immigration detention: Angelina, Lorena, Jose Manuel, Jose Garcia, Gustavo, Gonzalo, the children, and their families. We pray for their release and for humane and ethical immigration enforcement. Sing to God;

sing praises to God's Name.

Accept our praise and thanksgiving for all the blessings we enjoy, especially the first communion of Penélope Luna Renzulli, birthdays of Wilma Simons, Emmanuel Mitchell, Michael Lyons, Elisa Montes, Sergio Nunez, Heather Talipsky, Terrance Rivers, Hugh O'Neil, Victoria Sipe, and the anniversaries of John & Leslie Nystrom and Rafael & Paula Pleitez (*the congregation may add their own petitions*). Sing to God;

sing praises to God's Name.

Hear our prayers for all for whom we care, especially, Jennifer, Sonia, Ginger, Marian & Jay, Adolphus, Kip, Julia & Rick, Russell, Samuel, Julie, Cindy, Rosemary, Sarah, Jan, Joyce, Shandi, June, Jude, Lisa, Kathy, Debi, Carol, Kristina, Noah, Thomas, Ben, Sammuel, and Vinnie Lee, (*the congregation may add their own petitions*). Sing to God;

sing praises to God's Name.

Receive into your glory all who have died (*the congregation may add their own petitions*). Glorify your Son Jesus and establish Christ's authority over all people to give eternal life to all whom you have made. Sing to God;

sing praises to God's Name.

Officiant: Your glory, O God, fills the whole creation: Send your power from on high to illumine the earth with your presence, that we may be one as you and the Son are one, in the strength of your Holy Spirit, for you are one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**
now and always. **Amen.** 5

THE PEACE BCP 360

OFFERTORY SENTENCE BCP 376

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

OFFERTORY **Lift high the cross** BLUE HYMNAL 473

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 97

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God

Communion is offered in both kinds by intinction. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

COMMUNION **I am the bread of life** BLUE HYMNAL 335

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand or kneel.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

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.

NOTICES *Please be seated.*

THE BLESSING *Please stand if able.*

Officiant: May God give you the gift of eternal life, to know yourself to be one with God and with the Son. May the Son who has been glorified and who has given you the words of eternal life, be glorified in you. May you receive power from the Holy Spirit to be witnesses to the ends of the earth. And the blessing of our ever-present God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and protect you, now and always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant: Alleluia, Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

RECESSIONAL HYMN **Now the green blade riseth** St. Edward's Ringers

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*The flowers today are given by our late sister
Delores O'Neil with love and in celebration of
her wonderful husband Hugh O'Neil's 90th
birthday.*

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*In honor of Penélope Luna Renzulli on the day of
her First Holy Communion, and in gratitude for
the family and friends present today to witness
this sacred moment in her life.*

Serving Today
Officiant & Preacher - The Rev. Fabio Sotelo
Assisting - Kathy Ruchalski
Altar Guild - Ruth Mannah, Denise Robinson, Olive Joachim
Psalm - Kathy Ruchalski
1st Lesson - Kevin Lee
2nd Lesson - The Rev. Fabio Sotelo
Intercessor - Kevin Lee
Ushers - Mark Heffernan
Sound & Video - Ted Ruchalski
VPOD - Lee Ann Sipe

*Those wishing to donate flowers are asked to
contact the parish office @ 770-963-6128 or
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