

St. Edward's Episcopal Church



The Holy Eucharist The Seventh Sunday of Easter - Year A May 17, 2026 @ 10:00 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!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All items in bold are to be read aloud by the people.

PROCESSIONAL

Hail the day that see him rise

BLUE HYMNAL 214

All stand, if able.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest

BLUE HYMNAL S-280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON *Please be seated.*

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: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36 *The Psalm will be read by the Lector. The Refrain is sung by all.*

Refrain

A - la - ba, al - ma mí - a, al Se - ñor. A - la - ba, al - ma mí - a, al Se - ñor.

Praise the Lord, my — soul. Praise the Lord, my — soul.

- 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. **Refrain**
- 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! **Refrain**
- 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. **Refrain**
- 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. **Refrain**
- 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! **Refrain**

SECOND LESSON

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

A Lesson from the First Letter of Peter.

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.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Like the murmur of the Dove's song

BLUE HYMNAL 513

All stand, if able.

st. 3 will be sung after the Gospel

THE GOSPEL READING

JOHN 17:1-11

Deacon: †The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Fabio Sotelo

Please be seated.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

All stand, if able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon: 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, the 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, Sammuell, 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.

Presider: 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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION *You may kneel or remain standing.* BCP 360

THE PEACE *The Presider and the people exchange the sign of Peace.* BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE BCP 376

Presider: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.
Ephesians 5:2

*The Ushers will pass the collection plate for the ministry of the church.
If you give online or via mail, please place the giving card into the plate to be blessed by the priest.*

OFFERTORY **Like a river that overflows** Parish Choir
Ken Medema

PRESENTATION HYMN **Soon and very soon** LEVAS HYMNAL 14
All stand, if able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: RITE II, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP 361
The People remain standing.

THE SANCTUS **Holy, holy, holy Lord** BLUE HYMNAL S-125

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*) LEVAS HYMNAL 264

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

THE INVITATION

*The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Communion is served at the altar rails by intinction. Gluten free host available.*

COMMUNION HYMNS *From the following, as time permits:*

I heard the voice of Jesus say **BLUE HYMNAL 692**
Hymn requested by Steve Pearson

My song is love unknown **BLUE HYMNAL 458**
Hymn requested by Jeannette Best-Nunez

SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR *Please stand if able.*

Presider: We send you forth bearing these Holy Gifts, that those to whom they go may share with us in the mystery of the presence of Christ our Lord.

People: **We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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

All stand, if able.

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.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

All hail the power of Jesus' name

BLUE HYMNAL 450

All stand, if able.

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go for in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

*We are grateful for your presence in worship today.
May God bless you as you walk in the way of discipleship.*

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Serving Today

Presider & Preacher - The Rev. Father Fabio Sotelo
Deacon of the Word & Table - The Rev. Deacon Alyssa Sali
Altar Guild - Ruth Mannah, Denise Robinson, Olive Joachim
Crucifer - Nicole Harrison
Torches - Chaz Alexander, Zoe Alexander
Lay Eucharist Ministers - Salena Staub, Marck Morman
Lay Eucharist Visitor - Kip Cloward
1st Lesson - Denise Robinson
Psalm - Choir
2nd John - Talipsky Sr.
Intercessor - Jeanette Best-Nunez
Ushers - Rob Wilson, Bob Wahl, Ralph Parks,
Michelle Alexander
Sound & Video -Thalia Lazare
Piano & Organ - Carla Strott
Flutes - Sanya Simmons & Lee Ann Sipe
St. Edward's Parish Choir
VPOD - Lee Ann Sipe

Parish Personnel

The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, Diocesan Bishop
The Rev. Fabio Sotelo, Rector
The Rev. Deacon Alyssa Sali - Deacon
Leslie Nystrom , Parish Administrator
Leslie Nystrom, Verger
Carla Strott, Director of Music & Worship Arts
Gustavo Romero, Director del Coro
Ted Ruchalski, Media Engineer & Technology Consultant
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The Vestry of Saint Edward's

George Herrin, Senior Warden
Marck Morman & Alejandro Soto, Junior Wardens
Ruth Mannah, Lorenzo Clarke, Kathy Yukishige,
Darcey Tatum, Charmaine Mitchell, Lee Ann Sipe,
Diane Littleton, Xochilt Ramos, Dr. Rosalita Kennedy.
Emmanuel Mitchell, Youth Representative to the Vestry
Mary Lu Rogers, Clerk of the Vestry.



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.

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

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