



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH BAPTISM,
CONFIRMATION, AND RECEPTION

MAY 17, 2026, AT 9 AM | LIVESTREAMED

THE WORD OF GOD

*Please keep a prayerful quiet as we prepare for worship.
The People's responses are printed in bold.*

Prelude Dawn Hymn, Op. 138 Alan Hovhaness (1911–2000)

Introit Ubi caritas Jacques Berthier (1923–1994)
The Genesis Ringers

Please stand as you are able for the hymn.

Hymn WLP 775 Give thanks for life *Sine Nomine*

*This hymn is in **Wonder, Love, and Praise**, the green hymnal supplement found in your pew rack.*

Opening Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God, Creator of all.

Collect of the Day

God 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.**

First Reading *seated* Acts 1:6-14

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."

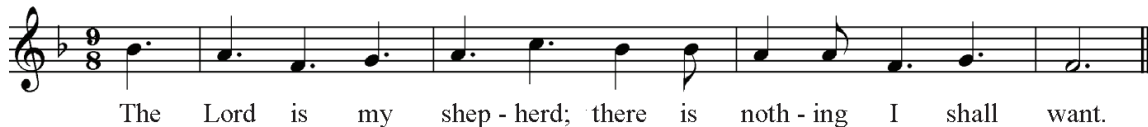
Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of 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.

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93

Antiphon: Leon Roberts (1950–1999)

The People sing the antiphon after it has been introduced by the Choir and where indicated.



God is Sovereign, clothed in splendid apparel; *
God is robed in majesty and is girded with strength.

God has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting. *Antiphon*

The waters have lifted up, O God,
the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the Holy One who dwells on high.

Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O God,
for ever and for evermore. *Antiphon*

Second Reading 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.

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Alleluia *standing as able*

Fintan O'Carroll (1922–1981) and Christopher Walker (b. 1942)

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 6/8 time. It consists of two lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' with notes and rests corresponding to the syllables. The second line contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' and includes a double bar line with a 9/8 time signature change, followed by a final double bar line with a 6/8 time signature change.

The Gospel John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.

All repeat the sung alleluia.

Storytime

Children ages 3–10 are invited to the Music Room after the Gospel for a Bible story, prayers, and music, returning at the Baptism.

Sermon The Rt. Rev. Edwin Gulick

The Rt. Rev. Edwin "Ted" Gulick is a retired Bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky (1994–2010) who now serves as Bishop in Residence in the Diocese of Virginia.

Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher. A period of silence will be observed after the sermon.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Congregation may remain seated.

Bishop The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor I present Natalia Lever to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Bishop Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

The Bishop asks the following questions of the candidate

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Bishop The other Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present these persons for Confirmation.

Alexander Boccock
Costas Brinkerhoff-Molluzzo
Catherine Cahlink
Kim Davis
Jonathan Gardiner
Madeleine Haile
John Hanle

Alice Higgins
Benjamin Huggins
Siena Kepner
Alan Leigh
Lauren Leigh
Natalia Lever
Jamie McAllister

Sophia Murphy
Sam Pollack
Claude Schaefer
Bella Stroud
William Winterhof

Presenters I present Laura Williams to be received into this Communion.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

The Bishop addresses the Congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

The Congregation responds **We will.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Please stand as you are able.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the Congregation

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Bishop continues

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Loving God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Bishop touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Congregation may be seated. The baptismal candidate is presented to the Bishop who pours water upon her, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Bishop then marks the sign of the cross on the person's forehead using Chrism, saying

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

A candle, lighted from the Paschal candle, is given to the newly baptized with these words

N., receive the light of Christ as a sign that you have passed from darkness into light. Shine as God's light in the world in the power of God's Spirit. **Amen.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Loving God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Bishop and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

CONFIRMATIONS AND RECEPTION

The Bishop then says to the Congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Those being confirmed or received are presented to the Bishop individually. The prayers for confirmation and reception may be found on page 418 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ, and are seated for the announcements.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory

The Holy Spirit inspires us to give generously, to extend Christ's mission in this place and the wider world. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/GivetoSCEC> to make your offering, or you can text to give using your phone. Text SCEC and AMOUNT to 73256 (QR code in Connections) and you will receive a text with instructions.

Anthem

An endless Alleluia

Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946)

The Children's, Gallery, and Celtic Choirs

Sing Alleluia forth in dutious praise,
ye citizens of heav'n, O sweetly raise an endless Alleluia.

Ye who have fought and joined the starry throng,
ye victors, now take up the eternal song, an endless Alleluia.

Almighty Christ, to thee our voices sing glory for evermore;
to thee we bring an endless Alleluia.

—Text: Latin, 5th–8th century, from *The Hymnal 1940*

Please stand as you are able as the offering is brought forward and blessed.

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them unto God.

Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus and Benedictus *sung by all*

Rob Glover (1928–2017)

Ho - ly, — ho - ly, — ho - ly Lord, — God — of
pow - er and might, — 1. Heav - en and earth, — heav - en and earth — are
2. Blessed is the one — blessed is the one — who
full of your glo - ry. — Chorus: Ho - san - na — in — the
comes in the name of the Lord. —
high - est, ho - san - na — in — the high - est. —
second time through, sing Chorus again

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Columba, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence observed.

Fraction Anthem

Be known to us, Lord Jesus

Gary James (b. 1957)

The People join in singing the refrain.



Be— known to— us, Lord— Je - sus, in the break - ing— of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. *Refrain*

One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. *Refrain*

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ's table.

Communion

Christ welcomes all to communion. ■ Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. ■ If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also appropriate to dip your wafer gently into the wine, or to receive the bread only. ■ Respond to communion by saying "Amen." ■ If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ Gluten-free wafers are available at each communion station. ■ Baptism is offered several times a year; speak to a priest to learn more.

Music

"When the sky meets the water"
from *The Chesapeake Bay Series*

Justus Parrotta (b. 1988)

Hymn WLP 812

I, the Lord of sea and sky

Here I Am

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Prayer after Communion *standing as you are able*

Let us pray.

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 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 Forth of Eucharistic Ministers *when scheduled*

In the name of St. Columba's we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that *N.* may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. **We who are many are one body, as we all share one bread, one cup.**

Blessing

The People respond Amen.

Hymn

"Go make of all disciples"

Ellacombe

"Go make of— all dis - ci - ples;" We hear— the call, O
"Go make of— all dis - ci - ples;" Bap - tiz - ing in the
"Go make of— all dis - ci - ples;" We at— your feet would
"Go make of— all dis - ci - ples;" We wel - come your com -
God, That comes from— you, Cre - a - tor In your— e - ter - nal
name Of Fa - ther, — Son, and Spir - it, From age— to age the
stay Un - til each— life's vo - ca - tion Ac - cents— your ho - ly
mand; "Lo, I am— with you al - ways:" We take— your guid - ing
Word. In - spire our ways of learn - ing Through— earn - est, fer - vent
same. We— call each new dis - ci - ple To— fol - low you, O
way. We— cul - ti - vate the na - ture God— plants in ev - 'ry
hand. The— task looms large be - fore— us We— fol - low with - out
prayer, And let our— dai - ly liv - ing Re - veal— you ev - 'ry - where.
God, Re - deem - ing— soul and bod - y By wa - ter and the Word.
heart, Re - veal - ing— in our wit - ness The Mas - ter Teach - er's art.
fear. In heav'n and— earth your pow - er Shall bring— God's king - dom here.

— Text: Leon M. Adkins (1896–1986)

Dismissal

The People respond Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Gavotte in G Major

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

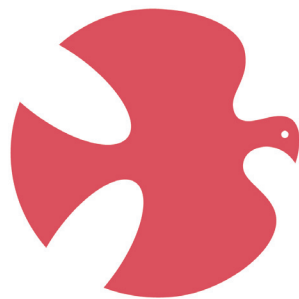
Liturgical Note

Confirmation is the sacramental rite in which people who have been baptized express a renewed and mature commitment to faith. Confirmands are strengthened by the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop. **Reception** is for those who, having already been confirmed in another denomination, wish to become members of the Episcopal Church. Confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation are all rooted in the baptismal covenant and provide an opportunity for candidates and their community to renew our commitments to God, one another, and the church.

Land Acknowledgement

We meet today on the traditional land of the first people of Nacotchtank, who were custodians of the land for thousands of years, caring for and nurturing it. We give thanks for their stewardship and lament the ways the Nacotchtank were removed from their ancestral home. We pray for all who live on this land and pay our respects to the native leaders past, present, and emerging. We also remember and lament that this plot of land was given to St. Columba's Episcopal Church by an enslaver and that the wealth created by the labor of enslaved persons helped to build this sanctuary.

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