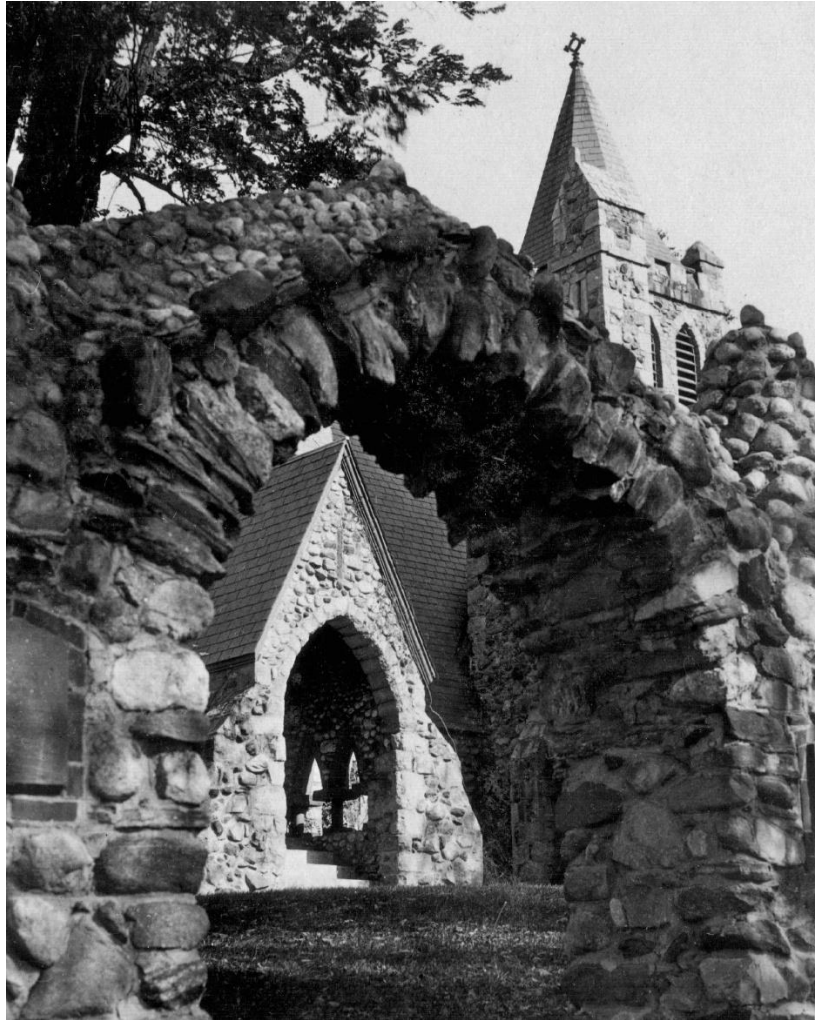


Seventh Sunday in Easter

10:00 AM + May 17, 2026



Welcome!

You are invited to participate fully in our worship. Whoever you are,
wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome!

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude: Bell Peal on Ellacombe, arranged by Linda Lamb.

Processional Hymn:

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

Earth and All Stars



Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re-
Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter tell - ing the
Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es; life in the
Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent: death put a-
Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, gold - en Je-



- sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb,
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread,
Spi - rit the fruit of the tree; heav - en to earth,
- sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing:
- ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, riv - er of life,



hea - ven for - ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
giv - ing us glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
Christ to the peo - ple, gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
"O grave, be o - pen!" Clothe us with won - der, a - dorn us in light.
Saints and arch - an - gels, sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise: Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **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

Blue Hymnal S278

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

The Collect

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.

A reading from the Book of 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

A Metrical Setting of Psalm 68

The Ash Grove

A - rise, Lord, and hast-en, All woe, swift - ly chast-en, As smoke in the
All realms of cre - a - tion Now sing with e - la - tion Their praise to the
whirl - wind So drive it a - way! While mal - ice shall per - ish, Thy
Mak - er Of earth and of sea. The heav'ns, in their glo - ry, Re -
good - ness we cher - ish, With joy shall the right - eous All sad - ness be - tray!
- sound with the sto - ry Of God's match - less pow - er All ag - es to be.
Sing praise to God on - ly, Ye poor folk, and lone - ly, For out of com -
A - scribe to God won - der, Whose voice, like the thun - der, Can shat - ter the
- pas - sion God cares for us all. The bless - ings we sa - vor Are
still - ness And call us to praise; Whose Spi - rit life gave us, Whose
ours by God's fa - vor; Whose good - ness, like rain - drops, On des - erts shall fall.
mer - cy can save us, The Source of our be - ing, The Joy of our days!

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Music: Traditional Welsh Folk Tune

A reading from the Book of 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn

Nun danket all und bringet Ehr



E - ter - nal life is know - ing God, and know - ing God is near,
E - ter - nal life is do - ing work that thrills and strains the soul,
E - ter - nal life is lov - ing those the Spi - rit brings our way,
E - ter - nal Life is know - ing Christ, God with us, flesh and bone,



the place we are, the path we take, both womb and next front - ier.
that takes our joy, the world's deep needs and weaves a com - mon goal.
and hold - ing dear the wealth God hides in ev - 'ry pinch of clay,
and know - ing God de - lights with us to make such know - ledge known.

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Music: attr. Johann Crüger (1598-1662) H82 627

A reading from the Gospel according to John 17:1-11

People's response before the Gospel

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."

People's response after the Gospel

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Sean Maloney

The Nicene Creed *Spoken by all, standing.*

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.

Prayers of the People – [from Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary] *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Lord God who guides us and beckons us ever forward, hear now our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Uphold and strengthen your church, reform what is amiss, bolster what is good, and keep us ever mindful of your charge to reflect your love for us into the world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant wisdom and patience to those in authority in our lives, guide them to always put human life and wellness as their priority. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open our eyes to the challenges and opportunities in dealing with global issues; give us perseverance and urgency as we develop new and more sustainable ways of being. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be present to all who suffer and all who serve them; bring your healing powers to bear and let them know peace and wholeness. [Especially we lift up those who have sought our prayers, for ...*prayer list*] Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Welcome the dying, comfort the grieving, and let the hope of your promises be our consolation and inspiration. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you have given us the example of Christ's life as the template for our own, and you have shown us, in his death and resurrection, the power of your promises to us. Be with us now and always as we strive to live in your kingdom every moment. All this we ask through our Lord and advocate, Jesus the Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you**

Announcements:

Offertory Anthem: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" from Cantata 147
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Holy Communion:

Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 1

Celebrant: 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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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.

Sanctus

Blue Hymnal S128

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem WLP 877

Mark Sedio (b. 1954)



Choir: The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread



All: The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread



Women: The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com - mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ.



All: The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.



Men: One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, though man - y we share one bread.



All: The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

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1 Fa - ther, we thank thee
 2 Thou, Lord, didst make all
 3 Watch o'er thy Church, O
 4 As grain, once scat - tered

who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly
 for thy plea - sure, didst give us
 Lord, in mer - cy, save it from
 on the hill - sides, was in this

Name with - in our hearts. Know - ledge and
 food for all our days, giv - ing in
 e - vil, guard it still, per - fect it
 bro - ken bread made one, so from all

faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
 Christ the Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the
 in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -
 lands thy Church be gath - ered in - to thy

Son to us im - parts.
 power, be thine the praise.
 formed un - to thy will.
 king - dom by thy Son.

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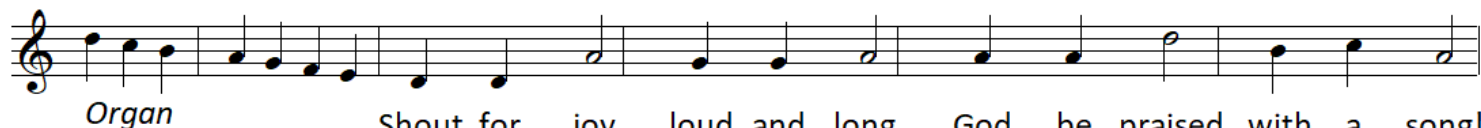
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Post Communion Prayer

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.

Shout for Joy Loud and Long

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Shout for joy loud and long, God be praised with a song!
By God's word all was made, heav'n and earth, light and shade,
Yet our pride makes us fall; so Christ came for us all—
Now has Christ tru - ly ris'n, and his Spi - rit is giv'n



To the Lord we be - long: chil-dren of our ma - ker, God the great life giv - er.
na-ture's won-ders dis-played, we to rule cre - a - tion from its first foun-da - tion.
not the righ-teous to call— by his cross and pas-sion, bring - ing us sal - va - tion.
to all those un - der heav'n who now walk be-side him, though they once de-nied him.



Shout for joy, joy, joy! Shout for joy, joy, joy! God is love, God is light, God is ev-er-last-ing!

Words: David Mowbray Jubilate Hymns Ltd. 1982
Music: melody from Piaae Cnationes, 1582

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!
Alleluia, Alleluia, **ALLELUIA.**

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, ALLELUIA**

Postlude: Allegro from Sonata a Flauto e Cembalo in F HWV 369
G. F. Handel
With Sheila Beardslee, recorder

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