

EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the  
**HEAVENLY REST**

God's Love. For All.

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, July 5, 2026

10:30 in the morning

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRELUDE** *Fireworks Music Overture*

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

**HYMN IN PROCESSION** *Come thou fount of every blessing*

Hymn 686  
Tune: *Nettleton*

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *Glory to God*

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**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor:  
Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and  
united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

Zechariah 9:9-12

A reading from the Prophet Zechariah.  
Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to  
you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a  
donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the  
battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be  
from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood  
of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your  
stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The Lector and People pray responsively by half verse*

**PSALM 145:8-15** *Exaltabo te, Deus*

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
**and his compassion is over all his works.**  
 10 All your works praise you, O Lord, \*  
**and your faithful servants bless you.**  
 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
**and speak of your power;**  
 12 That the peoples may know of your power \*  
**and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**  
 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
**your dominion endures throughout all ages.**  
 14 The Lord is faithful in all his words \*  
**and merciful in all his deeds.**  
 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
**he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

**SECOND READING**

Romans 7:15-25a

A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *Awake, my soul, and with the sun*

Hymn 11  
 Tune: *Morning Hymn*

**THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Following the sermon, all stand for*

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

*A Deacon or Priest says*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

*All kneel or stand. The Intercessor continues with these prayers.*

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*All stand for*

## THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*At Heavenly Rest, we believe that we are called to respond to God's grace and generosity by giving of our time, talent, and treasure. The work of this church community is made possible by the financial contributions of those who worship here and participate in the life of this place. There are several ways to make a financial gift to Heavenly Rest: you may place cash or a check in the alms basin as it goes by; use the "Give" tab in the ChurchCenter App; or visit our website by using the QR code.*

Scan for online giving.  
Thank you for your generosity!



*Those who are celebrating birthdays in July are invited to follow the procession to the altar rail and receive a blessing.*

## OFFERTORY *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down, and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk, till trav'ling days are done.*

## HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION *Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy*

Hymn 482  
Tune: *Slane*

## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

All things come of thee, O Lord.  
**And of thine own have we given thee.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is said*

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:

## THE SANCTUS *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*The People stand or kneel as they are able*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

**THE FRACTION ANTHEM** *Lamb of God*

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not baptized, you may come forward to receive a blessing by folding your arms over your chest. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. If you are interested in being baptized, please speak to one of the clergy after the service. Communion will be distributed at two stations: at the altar rail and in front of the pulpit. If you do not wish to receive wine, please cross your arms over your chest when the chalice comes by. Please follow the instructions of the ushers as you wait to receive Communion.

### COMMUNION ANTHEM *The Peace*

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

### COMMUNION HYMNS

*Bread of the world, in mercy broken*

Hymn 301

Tune: *Rendez à Dieu*

*Father, we thank thee who hast planted*

Hymn 302

Tune: *Rendez à Dieu*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

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.**

*The Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors may be said.*

**In the name of this congregation, we send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one Body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

*The Celebrant blesses the People*

*All stand and sing*

**HYMN AT THE PROCESSION** *Go forth for God; go to the world in peace*

Hymn 347

Tune: *Litton*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HYMN** *God bless our native land*

Hymn 716

Tune: *America*

### THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *The Rejoicing & Minuet Finale from Fireworks Music*

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

*Celebrant* - The Rev. Ashley Powers, *Associate Rector*

*Preacher* - The Rev. Joe Biles, *Curate and Pastoral Assistant*

*Assisting* - The Rev. Dr. Russell Dickerson, *Deacon*

*Organist and Choirmaster* - Thomas Pavlechko

*Verger* - Luke Teten

*Music* - Summer Choir

*Lay Ministers* - Andrea Taylor, Patty Collier

*Altar Guild and Linens* - Kathy Balch, Dixie Bassett, Cindy McCarty, Karen Rose, Jeannie Young

*Greeters & Ushers* - Lee Hampton, Marshall Morris, Courtney Messer, Lisa Merchant

*Sound* - C.V. Dickson

*Streaming* - David Christianson, Clarence Hart



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