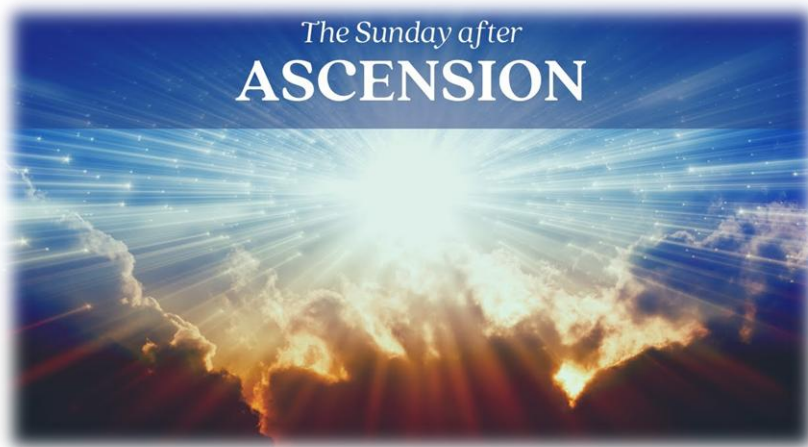




CHRIST CHURCH
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

MAY 17, 2026 | 10:30 AM



Please observe a prayerful silence before the service.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The liturgy provided here is from the ACNA Book of Common Prayer 2019.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake my soul and sing
of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.
2. Crown Him the Son of God
before the worlds began,
and ye, who tread where He hath trod,
crown Him the Son of Man,
who every grief hath known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for His own,
that all in Him may rest.
3. Crown Him the Lord of life,
who triumphed over the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those He came to save;
his glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

4. Crown Him of Lords the Lord,
who over all doth reign,
who once on earth th'incarnate Word,
for ransomed sinners slain,
now lives in realms of light,
where saints with angels sing,
their songs before Him day and night,
their God, Redeemer, King.

5. Crown Him the Lord of heaven,
enthroned in worlds above;
crown Him the King, to whom is given
the wondrous name of love.
Crown Him with many crowns,
as thrones before Him fall;
crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
for He is King of all.

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THE ACCLAMATION

All standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

PEOPLE: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. (*Matthew 22:37-40*)

THE KYRIE

CELEBRANT Lord, have mercy upon us.
PEOPLE **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
CELEBRANT Lord, have mercy upon us.

SONG OF PRAISE

Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God in the highest ,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give you thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And with your spirit.**

CELEBRANT 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.**

THE LESSONS

A Reading from **Acts 1:6-14**

Pew Bible BCP pg. 909

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (ESV)

READER The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

A responsive reading of **Psalm 68:1-20**
(said responsively by whole verse)

BCP pg. 351-352

- ¹ Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him also flee before him.
- ² **As the smoke vanishes, so shall you drive them away; *
and as wax melts before the fire, so let the ungodly perish
before the presence of God.**
- ³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- ⁴ **O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name; magnify
him who rides upon the heavens. *
The Lord is his Name; rejoice before him.**
- ⁵ He is a father of the fatherless and defends the cause
of the widows, *
God in his holy habitation.
- ⁶ **He is the God who gives the solitary a home, and brings
the prisoners out of captivity, *
but lets the rebellious dwell in a desert land.**
- ⁷ O God, when you went forth before the people, *
when you went through the wilderness,
- ⁸ **The earth shook, and the heavens poured forth rain
at the presence of God, *
even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God,
who is the God of Israel.**
- ⁹ You, O God, sent a gracious rain upon your inheritance *
and refreshed the land when it was weary.
- ¹⁰ **Your congregation found a dwelling there, *
for you, O God, of your goodness have provided for the poor.**
- ¹¹ The Lord gave the word; *
great was the company of those who proclaimed the tidings.
- ¹² **Kings with their armies fled, they fled, *
and the women at home divided the spoil.**

¹³ Though you have lain among the sheepfolds, *
yet shall you be like the wings of a dove that are covered
with silver, and whose feathers shine like gold.

¹⁴ **When the Almighty scattered kings, ***
it was as if it snowed in Zalmon.

¹⁵ As the hill of Bashan, so is God's hill, *
even a high hill, as the hill of Bashan.

¹⁶ **Why look with envy, you high hills? This is God's hill,**
on which it pleases him to dwell; *
surely, the Lord will abide on it for ever.

¹⁷ The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands
of angels, *
and the Lord has come from Sinai into the holy place.

¹⁸ **You have gone up on high; you have led captivity captive,**
and received gifts from men, *
even from your enemies, that the Lord God might dwell
among them.

¹⁹ Praised be the Lord daily, *
even the God who helps us and pours his benefits upon us.

²⁰ **He is our God, the God from whom salvation comes; ***
God is the Lord, by whom we escape death.

A Reading from **1 Peter 4:12-19**

Pew Bible pg. 1016

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. (ESV)

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN (*sung by all, standing*)

Jesus Shall Reign

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. For him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his Name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his Name.

THE GOSPEL

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

PEOPLE **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

²⁴ “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

²⁸ And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, ²⁹ for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes. (ESV)

After the Gospel is read, the people respond as follows:

DEACON The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The sequence hymn resumes

4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

5. Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793)

SERMON

FATHER KEITH ALLEN

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying “hear our prayer” following each petition read aloud.

LITANIST Lord, in your mercy,
PEOPLE **hear our prayer**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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 pronounces the Absolution over the People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Peace is now exchanged.

CELEBRANT The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
PEOPLE **And with your spirit.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

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Doxology (*Old Hundredth*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

CELEBRANT All things come from you, O Lord,
PEOPLE **And of your own have we given you.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Remain standing*)

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

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his most glorious resurrection appeared to his

Apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People sing

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might, (repeat)
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. (repeat)
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (repeat)

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 pray:

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 FRACTION

CELEBRANT Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

PEOPLE **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(said responsively)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

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.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Above All

1. Above all powers, above all kings,
above all nature and all created things;
above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the world began.
2. Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
above all wonders the world has ever known;
above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
there's no way to measure what You're worth.

*Refrain: Crucified, laid behind the stone;
you lived to die rejected and alone;
like a rose, trampled on the ground,
You took the fall and thought of me, above all.*

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In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground
firm thru' the fiercest drought and storm.
What height of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save:
till on the cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied
for every sin on Him was laid:
here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine -
bought with the precious Blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
and crown him Lord of all!
2. Crown him, ye martyrs of our God,
who from his altar call:
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all!
and crown him Lord of all!

3. Hail him, the Heir of David's line,
whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown him Lord of all!
and crown him Lord of all!
4. Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!
and crown him Lord of all!
6. Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
and crown him Lord of all!

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DISMISSAL

CELEBRANT Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord!
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



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