



ST. JAMES

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

May 17, 2026
8:00A.M.

Welcome! Whether you are a first-time visitor, longtime member, or somewhere in-between, welcome to this place where together we sing, read, pray, listen, and break bread in thanksgiving and praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and for the world. **About the service:** An Episcopal worship service may seem difficult to follow if it is unfamiliar to you; please participate as you are able and ask someone near you for assistance if you need it. We use this leaflet and the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). **For more information:** Fill out a welcome card, located in the pew rack, and drop it in the offering plate or return it by mail. Call the Parish Office at 225-387-5141 with questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other needs.

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand when the ministers of the service enter

Opening Acclamation

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Gloria

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The Sermon

The Rev. R. Lynn Hooks

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

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The Peace

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer II

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Postcommunion Prayer

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The Blessing & Dismissal

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Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Acts 1:6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.**

Read responsively by half verse

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

- 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.
- 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!
- 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.
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.
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!

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

A reading 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.**

All stand.

John 17:1-11

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all whom thou hast made: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop; Chris, Lynn, Hillary, and Don, our priests; and John, our seminarian; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of St. Matthew's, Bogalusa.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald, our president; Jeff, our governor; Sid, our mayor; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Donnie, Talyn, Lane, Julie, those on our prayer list, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity.

O Lord and giver of life, receive our prayers for expectant mothers, especially Jamie, Courtney, Jeanne, Charlotte, Flannery, Taylor, Karlee, Jane, Emma, Cammie, Elizabeth, and Jordan, that they may happily come to the time of birth, and serving you in all things may rejoice in your providence. We thank thee, O Lord, for the birth of Isla Hetzel Shawhan and Knox Mitchell.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Dick Hearin, Angela Hixon, Becky Simmons, Freddie Ward, and Bill Senn, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**