

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

Welcome to the SJC Partnership

'For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's harvest field, God's building.' The First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9

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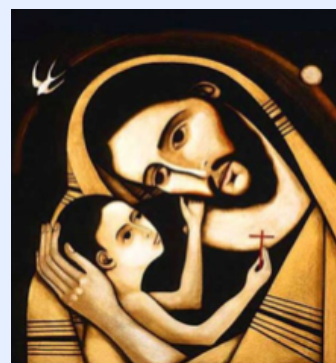
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You are welcome here

No matter where you come from or what you're going through

No matter what you believe or what you doubt

No matter what you feel or just don't feel today

No matter whom you love

You are welcome into this space to be met by a God

Who knows you by name, who knows your heart,

Who knows your mind, and

Who wants to have a relationship with you.

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The Gathering of the Community

As the community gathers, there may be a Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

A period of silence is kept. The people stand as they are able at the ringing of the bell

The Liturgy of the Word

Enriching our Worship

Procession Hymn 450 Blue Hymnal

The people remain standing, the Lay Pastoral Leader says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The rubrics of the Prayer Book (p. 356) provide that when appointed, the Gloria in excelsis or "some other song of praise" may be used. Supplemental canticles (Enriching our Worship 1, pp. 25-41) or canticles from the Book of Common Prayer (pp. 85-96) are among the appropriate alternatives.

Song of Praise Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum* (BCP, 83)

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *

so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

The Collect of the Day

The Lay Pastoral Leader says to the people

God be with you.

People And also with you.

Lay Pastoral Leader 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

The people sit.

The First Lesson

Reader: A Reading from 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.

After the Readings, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

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!

The Epistle

Reader: A Reading from 1 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.

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The Gospel

Then all remain standing the Lay Pastoral Leader then says,

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

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.”

Here ends the Reading.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Reflection *the Lay Pastoral Leader offers a reflection/ meditation*

Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

The Lay Pastoral Leader offers the following,

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. During Eastertide let us renew our solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in God’s holy catholic and apostolic church.

Leader Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and
 renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Leader Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People **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.**

Leader Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers of the People

The appointed Leader begins the Prayers of the People. The People's response is in bold:

To our God be the power forever and ever. Amen. Let us appeal to the Lord, saying, "We are yours;

People: **be glorified in us."**

Holy Father, protect your Church for your name's sake, so that we may be one even as you are one with your Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Restore, support, strengthen and establish us and always for your glory.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we remember today:

St. Matthias Episcopal Church in Monument

St. Mark's Church in Craig

St. Francis Chapel in Denver

The Parish of St. Gregory in Littleton

and

Our Partnership of St. Joseph, St. John Chrysostom and

St. Mary Magdalene Equal to the Apostles

Silence

We are yours;

People: **be glorified in us.**

Loving God, raise up witnesses to your love in all the world, even to the ends of the earth. Be a parent to orphans, a defender of widows and a provider to the poor.

Silence

We are yours;

People: **be glorified in us.**

Great God of heaven and earth, you graciously send rain to dry places. Give to the people of the earth enough to meet their needs; and yet protect us from dangerous excess. May we acknowledge that all good gifts come from your hand.

Leader invites congregation to offer their thanksgivings, then followed by silence

We are yours;

People: **be glorified in us.**

Mighty God, in our own community, exalt the humble in due time. May those who have known suffering and struggle have their dignity renewed. Bless them with gladness. Make their voices heard in shouts of joy.

Silence

We are yours;

People: **be glorified in us.**

God of all grace, we pray for the lonely and for prisoners, for the sick and the suffering. As they cast their anxieties upon you, may they experience your freedom and care.

Leader invites congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

We are yours;

People: **be glorified in us.**

Heavenly Father, we have been granted eternal life in knowing you through your Son Jesus. Prepare a home for all of the dying and the dead, that they may continue forever in your goodness.

Leader invites congregation to say names of departed loved ones either out loud or silently

We are yours;

People: **be glorified in us.**

The Lay Pastoral Leader or appointed leader then offers prayers in the form of Collects.

Collects and Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and other needs.

Silence, then the Lay Pastoral Leader or appointed leader then offers a concluding Collect.

These are your prayers. Receive them in your mercy. And grant us, O Lord, your peace – your peace that passes our human understanding. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand. The Lay Pastoral Leader says to the people

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

The Liturgy of the Table

Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

The Offertory

The Lay Pastoral Leader or appointed leader may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences provided, or with some other sentence of Scripture, or some other words of invitation and offering.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Hymn

460 Blue Hymnal vs. 1-3

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lay Pastoral Leader continues:

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lay Pastoral Leader Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Lay Pastoral Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Lay Pastoral Leader continues:

Gracious and most merciful God, we remember before you those who celebrated the Holy Eucharist today with whom we now share Communion through the reception of this blessed sacrament.

People: **Though many, we are one body,
because we all share in the one bread and one cup.**

Lay Pastoral Leader: Let us pray,

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gave us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Lay Pastoral Leader continues:

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

People: **Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.**

From The Episcopal Church website (episcopalchurch.org)

What We Believe: Holy Communion

It goes by several names: Holy Communion, the Eucharist (which literally means “thanksgiving”), the Lord’s Supper, the Mass. But whatever its formal name, this is the family meal for Christians and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. As such, all persons who have been baptized, and are therefore part of the extended family that is the Church, are welcome to receive the bread and wine, and be in communion with God and each other. Before we come to take Communion together, “we should examine our lives, repent of our sins, and be in love and charity with all people” (Book of Common Prayer, p. 859).

If you are not baptized, you are very welcome to come forward to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. If you would like to explore the possibility of becoming a Christian and member of Christ’s Church, please speak to the Priest afterwards.

Our community will welcome you with open arms!

During the administration of communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.

Communion Hymn

After Communion Prayer

Lay Pastoral Leader 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.

Procession Hymn

494 Blue Hymnal

Dismissal

The people are dismissed with the following,

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Serving Today @ St. John Chrysostom

- Readers: John Wickersheim
- Music: Wendy McCaffrey
- Usher: Ray & Kathy Critchell
- Prayers of the People & Lay Eucharistic Minister: Jenni Marcols
- Officiant: Karla (LPL)

Serving Today @ St. Joseph

- Presider, The Rev. Doug Bleyle
- Deacon, Rev. Kathleen Smith-Jones
- Altar Servers, Elinor Hamley
- Hebrew Bible, Yvonne Slifka
- Psalm, Andy Slifka
- Epistle/New Testament, Cathy Burzynski
- Prayers of the People, Mary Carlson (prayers of the people III)
- Ushers, Dennis Vick & Andy Slifka
- Counter, Andy Slifka

Intercessory Prayers St. John Chrysostom

Healing prayers for Melinda, Prayers for, Cathy's family; Anthony & John, Prayers for Bethe's aunt Margaret, Prayers for Patty's family, Don & Carol, Healing prayers for Letta, Healing prayers for Patty, Healing prayers for Suzanne, Susan requested Prayers for her stepson Jeremy, Healing Prayers for Diane, Healing Prayers for Bethe, Healing Prayers for Jarrett, Healing Prayers for Anne's son Ian , Healing Prayers for Susan & Gary, Healing Prayers for Lisa (John & Diane's family), Prayers for Brenda, Prayers for the Rita's family, Healing Prayers for Dan

Intercessory Prayers St. Joseph

We invite you to pray for the following this week: Larry K. for peace in transition. Baby Gilbert who needs a heart transplant. Paula C. for wellbeing. Ann Taylor requests prayers for her sister Lynn. Matt L. for healing. Monroe for healing. Anne for healing. Cathy's brothers, Joe and Guy, recovering from serious medical challenges. For Leslie in her recovery. Aidan for peace and wisdom.