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Conway, South Carolina



The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day 10:00 AM

June 1, 2025

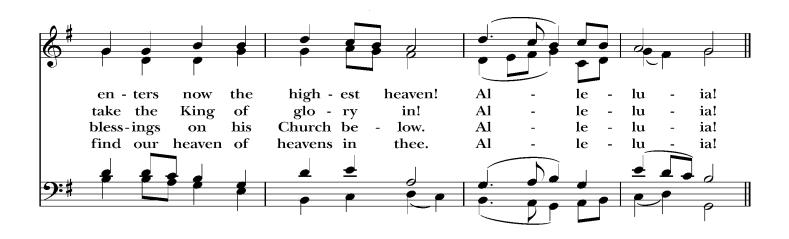
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ENTRANCE HYMN

Please stand as you are able.

Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise (Llanfair) (H 214)





OPENING ACCLAMATION

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!





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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: 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

First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

¹⁶[With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi of Macedonia, a Roman colony, and] as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 97

Cantor: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

People: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Cantor: The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice; Let the islands be glad. Justice

and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

People: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Cantor: The heavens proclaim his justice, And all the peoples see his glory. The heavens proclaim his justice, All gods are prostrate before him.

People: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Cantor: You, O Lord, are the Most High over all the earth, Exalted far above all

gods.

People: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

¹²See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift."

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Please stand as you are able.





Translation: Praise the Lord, all you peoples.

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said,] ²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that

you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Kevin Holland Sparrow

Please be seated.

A moment of quiet reflection is held after the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

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

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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

God, you have never lost hope in us. Help us to live into that hope and fulfill Jesus' prayer that we may all be one in Christ. In gratitude, and anticipation of your will being made manifest in our lives, we offer our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the people of God, across the world and for the church in all its wondrous diversity, that we might find common ground for continuing Christ's mission together, grounded in our common love of Christ. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for *St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center – The Rev. Laura Rezac, Executive Director*. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for *The Anglican Church of Korea*.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those in leadership in all the nations of the world. Guide them, inspire them, grant them wisdom so that there might be peace and shared prosperity across the whole human race.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the places we call home. Embolden us to use our gifts and energies to proclaim our hope in you through service to our neighbors.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the natural world that sustains us. Help us to be effective stewards of the environment and natural resources so that the created abundance of life may not be despoiled or destroyed.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer in soul, body, or mind. Grant them healing and release them from pain and suffering. Especially we pray for *Amy, Danielle and Rowan, Donna G., Ann, Thom and Carol, Linda, Trudy, Josie, Bobby, Ann and Mike, Betty, Ann S., Joyce, Paulette, Shirley and David, Laura, Jeff, Dan, Elizabeth, Denise, Mike, Claudia, Alex, Susan, and Nelljean.*

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died, that they may rest in peace and rise in glory in your promised new age. We pray for *Ed Jenkins*.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Priest: God of love and wonder, open our eyes to your presence, reassure our

hearts or your promises, embolden us for mission, and hear and answer our prayers that we might more perfectly be bearers of your love. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says:

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above. (Colossians 3:1-2)

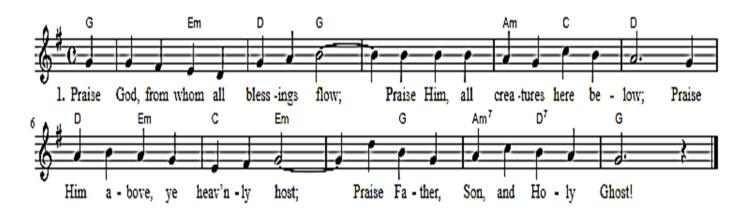
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me

arr. K. Lee Scott St. Anne's Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY PRESENTATION

Please stand as you are able.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

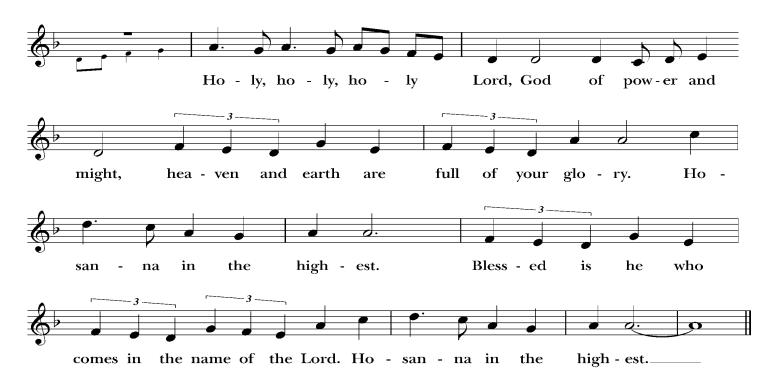
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, 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 for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Saint Anne and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,

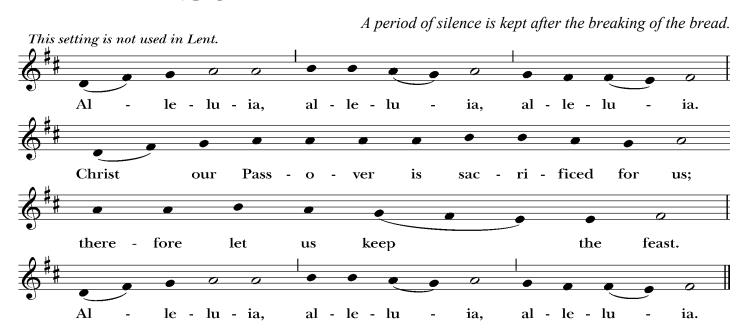
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



INVITATION

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Holy Gifts for a Holy People.

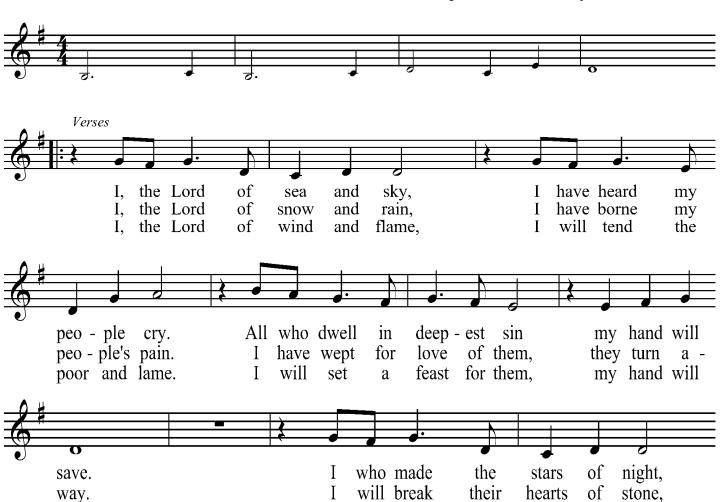
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COMMUNION HYMN

I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky (MHSO 77)

pro - vide



Fin - est bread

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will



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POST-COMMUNION PRAYERPlease stand as you are able.

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*.

SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Priest: Cathy, in the name of Saint Anne's, I send you forth bearing these

holy gifts to Thom and Carol, 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.

Congregation: Because we all share in one bread, one cup.

ASCENSION BLESSING

God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Jesus the Christ, the Son of God. *Amen*.

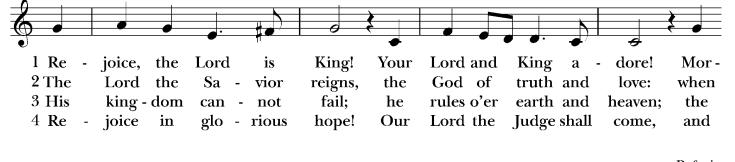
God the Son, our great high priest, who has passed into the heavens, clothe you with power from on high. *Amen*.

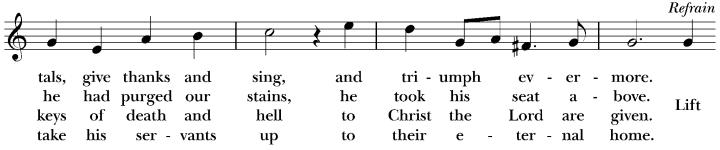
God the Holy Spirit, who pours out abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful followers of the risen Christ. *Amen*.

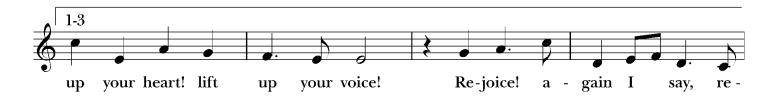
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen*.

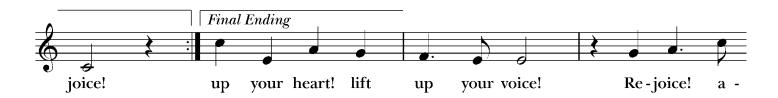
FINAL HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord is King (Gopsal) (H 481)











DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Those interested in giving future sanctuary candles in memory or in honor of someone – or in thanksgiving – please contact the church office.

June 1, 2025

Worship Participants		8:30 AM	10:00AM	
Altar Guild			Rebecca Lovelace	
Altar Servers		Randy Wilson		
Lector		Rosemary Jenrette	Cathy Battle	
Prayers of the People		Rosemary Jenrette	Kathleen Hearn	
Ushers		-	Rebecca & Richard Lovelace	
Verger			Barry Dennis	
Vestry Person of the Day		Sally Wilson	Kathleen Hearn	
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