

Preparing for the Service

*Welcome to a time of quiet reflection
in order to prepare for worship.*

*Focus on the Lord. Pray for your own
concerns. Pray for our church. Pray
for our world.*

The Sunday after Ascension Day

May 17, 2026

Renewed Ancient Text (BCP 2019)

Opening Song

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

H460

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
His the scepter, His the throne
Alleluia! His the triumph
His the victory alone**

**Hark the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood
Jesus out of ev'ry nation
hath redeemed us by His blood.**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now
Alleluia! He is near us
faith believes nor questions
how**

**though the cloud from sight
received Him
when the forty days were o'er
Shall our hearts forget His
promise
“I am with you evermore”**

**Alleluia! King eternal
Thee the Lord of lords we own
Alleluia! born of Mary
earth thy footstool heav'n Thy
throne**

**Thou within the veil hast
entered
robed in flesh
our great High Priest
Thou on earth
both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.**

The Acclamation

BCP 123

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen
indeed! Alleluia!**

Collect for Purity

BCP 124

**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

BCP 124

*We are reminded of the essence
of God's commandments for us.*

The Kyrie

BCP 124

Celebrant Lord, have mercy
upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy
upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy
upon us.

Gloria!

(Ode to Joy)

**Glory be to God in heaven
peace to those
who love Him well
on the earth let all His people
speak His grace
His wonders tell**

**Lord we praise You
for Your glory
mighty Father, heaven's King
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the praise we bring**

**Only Son of God the Father
Lamb Who takes our sin away
now with Him
in triumph seated
for Your mercy
Lord we pray**

**Jesus Christ,
most high and holy
Savior You are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit
Three in One.**

The Collect for the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect
of the Day*

The First Reading

Acts 1:1-14

After the reading:

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68:1-20

**¹ God shall arise, his enemies shall
be scattered;
and those who hate him shall
flee before him!**

² As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!

³ But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

**4 Sing to God, sing praises to his
name;
lift up a song to him who rides
through the deserts;
his name is the LORD;
exult before him!**

**5 Father of the fatherless and
protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.**

**6 God settles the solitary in a
home;
he leads out the prisoners to
prosperity,
but the rebellious dwell in a
parched land.**

**7 O God, when you went out before
your people,
when you marched through the
wilderness,
8 the earth quaked, the heavens
poured down rain,
before God, the One of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel.**

**9 Rain in abundance, O God, you
shed abroad;
you restored your inheritance as
it languished;**

**10 your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you
provided for the needy.**

**¹¹ The Lord gives the word;
the women who announce the
news are a great host:**

**¹² “The kings of the armies—they
flee, they flee!”**

**The women at home divide the
spoil—**

13 though you men lie among the
sheepfolds—
the wings of a dove covered with
silver,
its pinions with shimmering
gold.

**14 When the Almighty scatters
kings there,
let snow fall on Zalmon.**

**15 O mountain of God, mountain of
Bashan;
O many-peaked mountain,
mountain of Bashan!**

**16 Why do you look with hatred,
O many-peaked mountain,
at the mount that God desired
for his abode,
yes, where the LORD will dwell
forever?**

**17 The chariots of God are twice ten thousand,
thousand,
thousands upon thousands;
the Lord is among them; Sinai is
now in the sanctuary.**

**18 You ascended on high,
leading a host of captives in
your train
and receiving gifts among men,
even among the rebellious, that
the LORD God may dwell there.**

**19 Blessed be the Lord,
who daily bears us up;
God is our salvation.**

**20 Our God is a God of salvation,
and to God, the Lord, belong
deliverances from death.**

The Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-19

After the reading:

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Song

The Strife is O'er

H208

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The strife is o'er, the battle done
Now is the Victor's triumph won
Now be the song of praise begun
Alleluia!**

**The powers of death
have done their worst
but Christ their legions has
dispersed
let shouts of holy joy out-burst.
Alleluia!**

The Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11

Celebrant The Holy Gospel (†) of
our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

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

After the Gospel:

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospeler: Jesus said to His disciples,
“Let the children come to me; do not
hinder them,

***People:* For to such belongs the
kingdom of God.**

Gospeler: Let us pray together:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who took little children into your arms and blessed them: Bless the children of this church, that they may grow up in godly fear and love.

Give them your strength and guidance day by day, that they may continue in your love and service to their lives' end. Grant this, O blessed Savior, for your own Name's sake. Amen.

The Gradual Song

The Strife is O'er

H208

**The three sad days
are quickly sped
He rises glorious from the dead
all glory to our risen Head
Alleluia!**

**He broke the agebound
chains of hell
the bars from heav'ns
high portals fell
Let hymns of praise
His triumph tell.
Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 127

*An ancient statement of the core beliefs of
the Christian faith*

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

BCP 128

After each bidding:

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant prays closing prayer

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

BCP 129-130

Let us humbly confess our sins to
Almighty God.

Silence

*The Deacon and People kneel as
able and pray*

**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.**

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 Comfortable Words

The priest reads one or more passages of Scripture which assure us of God's forgiveness and grace.

The Peace

BCP 131

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord
be always with you.
***People* And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant says the Offertory
Sentence*

Offertory Song

Jesus Shall Reign

H544

**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.**

**To Him shall endless prayer
be made
and praises throng to crown
His head
His Name like sweet perfume
shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of every
tongue
dwell on His love with sweetest
song
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on His
Name.**

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

The Doxology

Doxology (Old 100th)

H380

Please Stand

**Praise God from whom all
blessings flow**

**Praise Him all creatures
here below.**

**Praise Him above ye
heavenly hosts**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

*The celebrant receives the offering
and blesses it to be used for the
purposes of the Gospel.*

*The celebrant then washes their
hands with the help of an acolyte,
and prays that God might use their
hands to provide for His people
through the Eucharist.*

The Sursum Corda

BCP 132

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 priest continues the prayer,
speaking of one of the many
reasons why it is right to give God
thanks and praise.*

The Sanctus

Bethencourt

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord
God of power, of power
and might
Heaven and earth are full
of your glory.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord
God of power, of power
and might
Heaven and earth are full
of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest
Blessed (✠) is He
Who comes in the
name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He
Who comes in the
name of the Lord.**

The Prayer of Consecration

BCP 132

*Unforgetting who God is and what
He has done for us, and all of His
creation, in and through His Son,
Jesus Christ*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery
of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 134

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

BCP 135

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our
Passover Lamb has
been sacrificed, once
for all upon the cross.

People

**Therefore let us keep
the feast. Alleluia!**

The Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 135

Celebrant and People together say

**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.**

The Agnus Dei

**Behold the Lamb
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**Behold the Lamb Who bears our
sins away, slain for us
and we remember
the promise made that all who
come in faith find
forgiveness at the cross**

**So we share, in this bread of life
and we drink, of His sacrifice
as a sign, of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.**

The Ministration of Communion

BCP 136

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 Christians are welcome and encouraged to take Communion.

If you do not wish to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward, cross your arms, and receive a blessing.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

A prayer team is available in the narthex to pray for healing or other concerns.

Before the Throne

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**Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
a great High Priest
Whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for
me.**

**My name is graven on His hands
my name is written on His heart**

**I know that while
in heav'n He stands
no tongue can bid me
thence depart
no tongue can bid me
thence depart.**

**When satan tempts me to
despair
and tells me of the guilt within
upward I look and see Him
there
Who made an end of all my sin.**

**Because the sinless Savior died
my sinful soul is counted free
for God the Just is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me
to look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there the risen
Lamb
my perfect spotless
righteousness
the great unchangeable I AM
the King of Glory and of Grace.**

**One with Himself I cannot die
my soul is purchased
by His blood
my life is hid with Christ
on high
with Christ my Savior and
my God
with Christ my Savior and
my God.**

There is a Redeemer

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**There is a Redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Holy One.**

**Thank you oh my Father
for giving us Your Son
and leaving Your Spirit 'til,
the work on Earth is done.**

**Jesus my Redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
hope for sinners slain.**

**Thank you oh my Father
for giving us Your Son
and leaving Your Spirit 'til,
the work on Earth is done.**

**When I stand in Glory
I will see His face
and there I'll serve my King
forever
in that Holy Place.**

**Thank you oh my Father
for giving us Your Son
and leaving Your Spirit 'til,
the work on Earth is done.**

I Come With Joy

H304

Please Stand

I come with joy to meet my

Lord

forgiven, loved and free

in awe and wonder to recall

His life laid down for me.

**I come with Christians far and
near
to find, as all are fed
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.**

**Together met, together bound
we'll go our different ways
and as His people in the world
we'll live and speak His praise.**

Post-Communion Verse

BCP 136

The Celebrant offers a sentence of Scripture from the day's readings, as a reminder that what we have received from the table is the same reality we received from the Word.

Silent Prayer

*We take time to open ourselves
to any word from the Lord, either
for ourselves or for the
congregation.*

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 137

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
forever. Amen.**

Announcements

**We desire to be a church family
that forms disciples, lives
generously, and shares the love of
God in our neighborhoods**

Today

Thank you for joining us for worship
today!

Join us for fellowship after the
service.

Ways to Connect

Fellowship Meal - after the service

Corner the Curate - today, 6pm,
Room 212

Sharing Your Faith in a Secular Age

- Thursdays (5/21, 28, 6/4), Room 212

5:30pm BYO Dinner

6pm Evening Prayer and Class

The Blessing

BCP 137

...and the blessing of God
Almighty, the Father (†), the Son,
and the Holy Spirit be among you
and remain with you always.

Amen.

Christ for the World We Sing

H537

**Christ for the world we sing
the world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal
the poor and them that mourn
the faint and over-borne
sin-sick and sorrow-worn
whom Christ doth heal.**

**Christ for the world we sing
the world to Christ we bring
with fervent prayer
the wayward and the lost
by restless passions tossed
redeemed at countless cost
from dark despair.**

**Christ for the world we sing
the world to Christ we bring
with joyful song the newborn
souls whose days
redeemed from error's ways
inspired with hope and praise
to Christ belong.**

The Dismissal

BCP 138

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let us go forth in the
Name of Christ

***People* Thanks be to God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

