

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross



Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
Sunday, June 28, 2026

Today we share in Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament or by “extension”. This is not a new celebration of the Eucharist, but rather an extension of the Eucharistic feast once offered and consecrated at the altar. In this act of worship and celebration, we join with our siblings across the Church in gathering at Christ’s to be nourished in following Jesus.

In this sacrament we are nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the age. As we receive this holy food, we share in full communion with Christ and with all who gather at his table—across time and space, throughout the Church, and in the great company of the saints.

Here at Christ’s table we find our life renewed, our hope strengthened, and our unity deepened, as we are sent forth to love and serve the Lord in the power of the Spirit.

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN (BCP p. 355)

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

The people standing, the Deacon says

Deacon Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

A period of Silence may be kept

Deacon 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.

People 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.

Deacon For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

People That we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Deacon Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 280 Glory to God (Canticle 20)
(Powell) (BCP p. 356)

The following is sung, all standing

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Deacon Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

The people sit.

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Remain seated.

- ¹Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
²For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
³“I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
⁴“I will establish your line forever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”
¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout! *
they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
¹⁶They rejoice daily in your Name; *
they are jubilant in your righteousness.
¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength, *
and by your favor our might is exalted.
¹⁸Truly, the LORD is our ruler; *
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

The people sit.

Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!
¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

All stand.

Deacon God is with you.

People And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

Deacon Let us reaffirm our faith, in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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

The Deacon invites the People to prayer

In peace, let us pray to God saying, ‘Living Christ, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the holy, catholic, and apostolic Church in this and every nation. May your Church be a beacon of wisdom and truth to all people, united in love, and may your bishops and ministers proclaim a message of justice and liberation to the world.

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop and Deon, our Bishop. In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis and Kathie, their Dean; Justin their Deacon; Jeff their Associated Priest; and Carol, their Social Worker. In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for St. Luke's Episcopal Medical Center (Centro Médico Episcopal San Lucas). We pray for our companion community, All Saints in Farmington.

People: Living Christ, hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy God, we pray for our nation and commend it to your merciful care. May there be freedom for all persons, and liberty to all. Protect us from violence, strife, and arrogance. May we be a people united for the common good.

People: Living Christ, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for Donald our President, Michael our Governor, and for the leaders in this and every nation. May they be people of wisdom and truth. We pray also for those in the armed forces that you may protect and guide them.

People: Living Christ, hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy God our creator may we be good stewards of your gift of this good earth and rightfully care for all creation and people. May there be peace among all people and may all lands be free of persecution and injustice.

People: Living Christ, hear our prayer.

Leader: For this parish and our surrounding community may we love our neighbors as Christ loves us.

People: Living Christ, hear our prayer.

Leader: For those who suffer from sorrow sickness or injustice: comfort, heal and protect them and may the Holy Spirit be present in their midst. May they know they are loved by you. We especially pray for *(names from the prayer list may be inserted here)*.

People: Living Christ, hear our prayer.

Leader: Protect all who are traveling. May their time away be filled with joy and adventure.

People: Living Christ, hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to your love all those who have died, especially *(names from the prayer list may be inserted here)*. May your will for them be fulfilled and may they stand with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints in the hope of the resurrection.

People: Living Christ, hear our prayer.

Leader: Compassionate God, give your strength and healing to all those who are sad, lonely, or sick. And bless all those who try and help them.

People: Living Christ, hear our prayer.

Leader: We give you thanks for the freedom we have in this nation.

People: Living Christ, hear our prayer.

Leader: I invite any other prayers of intercession or thanksgiving, silently or aloud...

Silence

The Deacon says the concluding prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Deacon The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Deacon Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

The Deacon says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY HYMN (BCP p. 361)

THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT

Deacon We give thanks to (name of priest) who consecrated the elements of the Eucharist being distributed today.

THE LITANY OF THE CONSECRATED GIFTS

The deacon moves to a place in the midst of the Assembly, stands facing the Altar, with the Assembly standing, and invites them to join in the Litany of the Consecrated Gifts.

Deacon We give thanks to you, O God, for all things good and beneficial to our bodies and souls.

People We thank you, O God.

Deacon For the Body and Blood of Christ set here before us;

People We thank you, O God.

Deacon That you have brought us together in this place;

People We thank you, O God.

Deacon That your eternal Word was made flesh for us;

People We thank you, O God.

Deacon For Christ's life and ministry, death and resurrection;

People We thank you, O God.

Deacon That you fill our lives with grace and grant us the gift of the Holy Spirit;

People We thank you, O God.

Deacon That through this Sacrament you grant us a pledge of our eternal inheritance;
People We thank you, O God.

Deacon We pray, therefore, in the words our Savior Christ has taught us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

People and Deacon

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 DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The officiating deacon then walks to the table, picks up the Bread and the Cup, faces the Assembly, and says:

Come to this table, not because you must but because you may, not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love God more. Come, because Christ loved you and gave himself for you. Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his Body.

There is no fraction or fraction anthem. The assembly then offers the following prayer.

Deacon Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine and bring forth bread from the earth. You give us the bread of life and you refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

People As we share the bread and wine, grant us the grace to receive these holy mysteries in faith and thanksgiving for Jesus' great sacrifice for us and for all people, so that he may evermore dwell in us and we in him. *Amen.*

Holy Communion is distributed to all who desire it by the lay Eucharistic Ministers, and officiating deacon. Hymn(s) or anthem (s) may be sung during the distribution, according to the congregation's custom.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the officiating deacon clears the Altar, leads the customary post communion prayer.

Deacon Let us pray.

Deacon and People

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.

ACT OF THANKSGIVING

Following the post communion prayer the officiating deacon leads the assembly in the Act of Thanksgiving:

Deacon Let us pray.

Silence is kept for a time.

Deacon God of all creation, we gather on this first day of the week made holy by the resurrection of Christ, your Son.

People In the waters of baptism we were buried with him so that we might also rise with him and so share his victory over sin and death.

Deacon You have transformed our lives into the living stones that form your Church with Christ as the foundation stone.

People Strengthen this community's bond of communion and peace and deepen our solidarity with your Church throughout the world. Rekindle within us this Sabbath day the vision of your kingdom so that our daily concerns and labor may find their proper perspective.

Deacon Fill our homes with the spirit of the Gospel.

People Give us the grace to see the true face of the people with whom we live. In a world torn by sin and division make us instruments of reconciliation and mercy. We raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving to you, O God.

Deacon May we who celebrate Christ's resurrection this day share in his eternal glory where he

lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

People *Amen*.

Deacon God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

People Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN (BCP p. 366)

The officiating deacon then dismisses the people. No blessing is given.

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

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Upcoming Commemorations

Irenaeus of Lyons, Bishop and Theologian, c.202
Sunday, June 28, 2026

Pauli Murray, Priest, 1985
Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Harriet Beecher Stowe: Writer and Prophetic Witness, 1896
Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Walter Rauschenbusch, 1918, Washington Gladden, 1918, and Jacob Riis, 1914: Prophetic
Witnesses
Thursday, July 2, 2026

UPCOMING AT HOLY CROSS