

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross



The Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, August 2, 2026

The Word of God

Penitential Order

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 351)

The people standing, the Presider says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 351)

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Presider stands and says

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



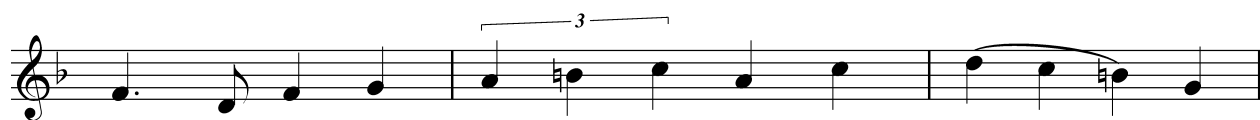
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



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



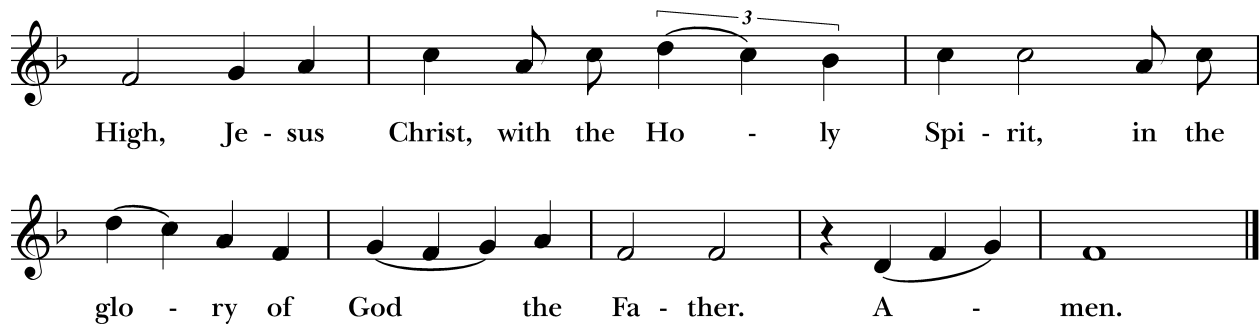
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



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



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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: Isaiah 55:1-5

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22

Remain seated.

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
⁹The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.
¹⁵The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
¹⁶The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.
¹⁷You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
¹⁸The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
¹⁹The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.
²⁰He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.
²¹The LORD preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.
²²My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

The people sit.

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

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

All stand.

Presider A Reading from Gospel Matthew.

¹³Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Presider The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

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

Leader: We pray for the church, for all Christians everywhere, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our bishop, and for all in our parish.

Silence

Leader: Gracious God, may your Spirit give strength to all your people as they work and witness in your world. Unite us in your truth and love, and help us to show your love to others. Especially we pray for (names from the prayer list may be inserted here).

God of love,

People: grant our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all people, for places where there is war or famine.

Silence

Leader: God our creator, help everyone to share all the good gifts that you have given to us. May those who lead the nations of the world be given wisdom. Especially we pray for Donald our President and Michael our Governor.

God of love,

People: grant our prayer.

Leader: We pray for our community and for all who live and work in this area.

Silence

Leader: God our friend, we pray for our families and friends. May we be able to help each other just as you love and help us.

God of love,

People: grant our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those in need, for those who are physically unwell, for those in the hospital, and for those with any other problems.

Silence

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. Especially we pray for *(names from the prayer list may be inserted here)*.

God of love,

People: grant our prayer.

Leader: We remember all those who have died, especially *(names from the prayer list may be inserted here)*.

Silence

Leader: God of hope, we thank you that not even death can separate us from your love. We pray for all who mourn, that they may feel your care for them.

God of love

People: grant our prayer.

Leader: We pray for ourselves all that we will do this week, and all those we will meet.

Silence

Leader: Loving God we give this week into your hands. Be with us in all that we will do, may we enjoy this week and learn and grow in it.

God of love

People: grant our prayer.

The Presider says the concluding prayer.

Those things, O God,
that your servants have prayed for,
give us grace to work for;
and in the purpose of your love
answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes
for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

The Presider says

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

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

People and Presider

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.

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

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UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Samuel Ferguson: Missionary Bishop for West Africa, 1916
Sunday, August 2, 2026

George Freeman Bragg, Jr.: Priest, 1940
Monday, August 3, 2026

William Edward Burghardt DuBois: Sociologist, 1963
Monday, August 3, 2026

Albrecht Dürer, 1528, Matthias Grünewald, 1529, Lucas Cranach the Elder, 1553: Artists
Wednesday, August 5, 2026

John Mason Neale, Priest and Hymnographer, 1866
Friday, August 7, 2026

Catherine Winkworth: Poet, 1878
Friday, August 7, 2026

Dominic, Priest and Friar, 1221
Saturday, August 8, 2026

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

Reva Arnold Food Pantry
Wednesday, August 5, 1-3 PM

Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
Sunday, August 9