

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross



Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
Sunday, October 11, 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)

Before the Opening Acclamation, the deacon briefly welcomes the assembly including the following:

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

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.

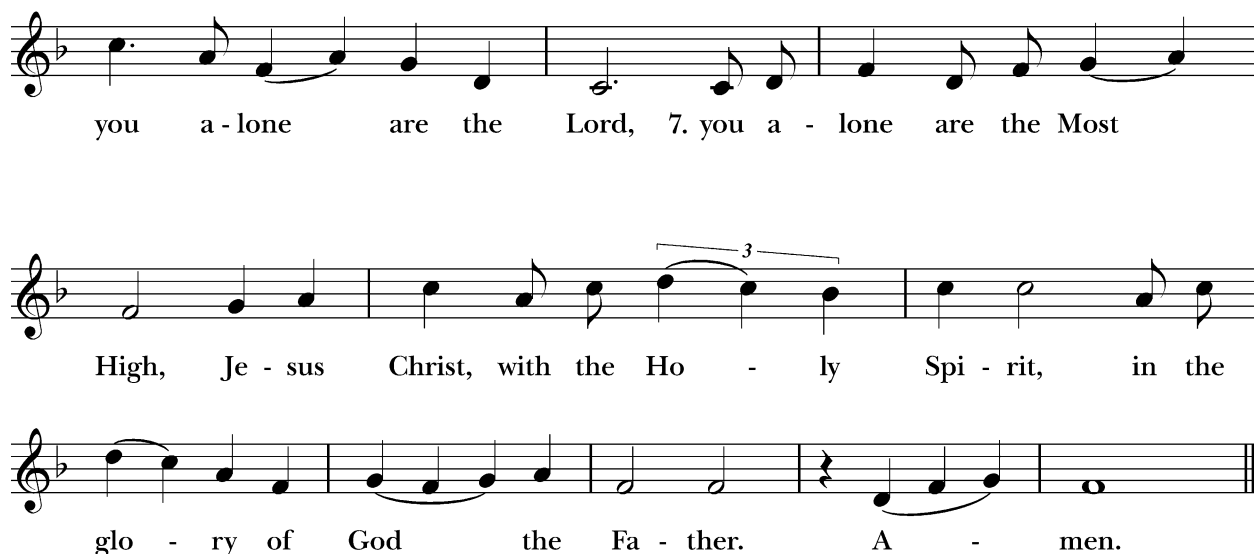
Deacon

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,



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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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

The people sit.

Reader A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

O LORD, you are my God;
 I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
 for you have done wonderful things,
 plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
 For you have made the city a heap,
 the fortified city a ruin;
 the palace of aliens is a city no more,
 it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might
save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 23

Remain seated.

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- ³ He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

The people sit.

Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philipians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

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.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let us humbly approach our God, saying, “Remember us with favor, O Lord; visit us with your saving help.”

Leader: God our Savior, strengthen your Church to stand firm in your love. May we struggle not with one another, but instead struggle beside one another in the work of the gospel.

Silence

Leader: Remember us with favor, O Lord;

People: Visit us with your saving help.

Leader: God our Savior, you make happy those who act with justice. May the leaders and people of the nations dedicate themselves to pure and honorable dealings. Let your justice reign on this earth.

Silence

Leader: Remember us with favor, O Lord;

People: Visit us with your saving help.

Leader: God our Savior, deliver our community from worry. Make us a people of prayer, a congregation who intercedes for our neighbors.

Silence

Leader: Remember us with favor, O Lord;

People: Visit us with your saving help.

Leader: God our Savior, you are always near. Assure the lonely; heal the sick; do mighty acts in the lives of the downcast. With thankful hearts, trusting in your mercy, we make our requests known to you. We pray especially (*names from the prayer list may be inserted here*).

Silence

Leader: Remember us with favor, O Lord;

People: Visit us with your saving help.

Leader: God our Savior, your mercy endures forever. May those who have died glory in your inheritance and feast at your heavenly banquet for all eternity. We pray especially (*names from the prayer list may be inserted here*).

Silence

Leader: Remember us with favor, O Lord;

People: Visit us with your saving help.

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

Silence

The Deacon says the concluding prayer.

Lord of Comfort and Eternal Presence, spread over us, your weary and anxious people, your protective and reassuring wings. Deliver us from our fears of one another: free us to welcome even strangers without defensiveness, hostility, or suspicion of differences; instill in us instead, a welcome of openness, hospitality, and the expectation of friendship; in the name of Jesus who welcomes all. *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

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Psalm 96:8

OFFERTORY HYMN (BCP p. 361)

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 thank you, Lord our God, for the season of growth; you give us time to learn the ways of Christ, to walk in his footsteps, and to bear fruit in your world.

People Glory to you for ever.

Deacon You scatter seeds of your kingdom in every heart, and in patience and hope we wait for the harvest;

People Glory to you for ever.

Deacon In your creation we see the mystery of your life; the earth yields its bounty, the rivers sing your praise, and the heavens declare your glory.

People Glory to you for ever.

Deacon You call us to live as Christ's body, to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, until all creation is renewed in your love.

People Glory to you for ever.

Deacon Now you gather us at this table of thanksgiving, where Christ feeds us with the bread of life, and strengthens us for service in the world.

People Glory to you for ever.

Deacon So, with all who labor for your kingdom, with angels and archangels, and with the saints in every age, we pray to you, as our Savior 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 Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins. Go into the world to love what God loves. Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Philip, Deacon and Evangelist
Sunday, October 11, 2026

Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, Bishop and Missionary, 1906
Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Teresa of Avila, Mystic and Monastic Reformer, 1582
Thursday, October 15, 2026

Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, Bishops and Martyrs, 1555, and Thomas Cranmer,
Archbishop of Canterbury, 1556
Friday, October 16, 2026

Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr, c.115
Saturday, October 17, 2026

UPCOMING AT HOLY CROSS

Wednesday, October 14

Prayer Group, 11:00 AM, Library
Reva Arnold Food Pantry, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Parish Hall

Sunday, October 18

Communion from the Reserved Sacrament, Deacon Loretta Go