

# Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross



The Holy Eucharist Rite Two without  
Communion  
Sunday, June 7, 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 his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

### CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 351)

*The Deacon or 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.

*Presider*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all your 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 (BCP p. 356)

*The following is said, all standing*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
    have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
    receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
    Jesus Christ,  
    with the Holy Spirit,  
    in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)**

*Presider*       The Lord be with you.  
*People*         And also with you.  
*Presider*       Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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: Hosea 5:15--6:6**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.

[Thus says the LORD:]   <sup>15</sup>“I will return again to my place  
    until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
    In their distress they will beg my favor:

<sup>6:1</sup>“Come, let us return to the LORD;  
    for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
    he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup>After two days he will revive us;  
    on the third day he will raise us up,  
    that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup>Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;  
    his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
    he will come to us like the showers,  
    like the spring rains that water the earth.’

<sup>4</sup>What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
<sup>5</sup>Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.  
<sup>6</sup>For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”

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

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM: Psalm 50:7-15**

*Remain seated.*

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
“O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.  
<sup>8</sup>I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.  
<sup>9</sup>I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, \*  
nor he-goats out of your pens;  
<sup>10</sup>For all the beasts of the forest are mine, \*  
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.  
<sup>11</sup>I know every bird in the sky, \*  
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.  
<sup>12</sup>If I were hungry, I would not tell you, \*  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.  
<sup>13</sup>Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, \*  
or drink the blood of goats?  
<sup>14</sup>Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and make good your vows to the Most High.  
<sup>15</sup>Call upon me in the day of trouble; \*  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”

**SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25**

*The people sit.*

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

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

*Silence may follow.*

#### **GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

*All stand.*

*Presider*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

<sup>18</sup>While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” <sup>19</sup>And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup>for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” <sup>22</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup>When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup>he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup>And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

## **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.

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

*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.

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**

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**Tuesday, June 9, 2026**

**Ephrem of Nisibis, Deacon and Poet, 373**  
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**Enmegahbowh, Priest and Missionary, 1902**  
**Friday, June 12, 2026**

**Gilbert Keith Chesterton: Apologist and Writer, 1936**  
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