

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross



Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
Sunday, August 9, 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;

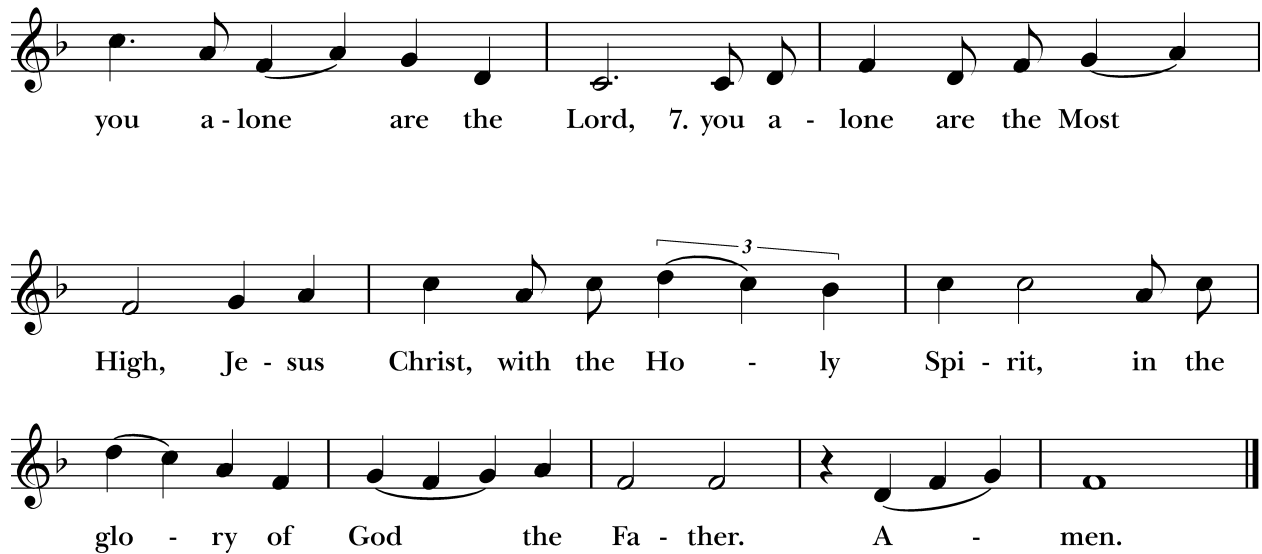
People That we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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 - might - y 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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

The people sit.

Reader A Reading from the book of the Genesis.

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He

answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b

Remain seated.

- ¹ Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- ² Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- ³ Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- ⁴ Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- ⁵ Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- ⁶ O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- ¹⁶ Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.

¹⁷ He sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
¹⁸ They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.
¹⁹ Until his prediction came to pass, *
the word of the LORD tested him.
²⁰ The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
²¹ He set him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,
²² To instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom.
⁴⁵ Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

The people sit.

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

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

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 made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

As Peter cried out from the waves let us cry to the Lord our God, who hears our voice from the heart of the flood.

Leader: For this holy gathering, for our parish clergy, for Deon our bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop and for the people of God in every place. In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of Grace Episcopal Church in Kirkwood; for Lisa, their Rector; and Erin, their Associate Priest. In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for St. Michael the Archangel Mission (Misión San Miguel Arcángel) in Ponce. We pray for our companion community, All Saints in Farmington. For all your holy people.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: For Donald our president, Mike our governor, for Lisa, our mayor. For all nations and their leaders. For mercy, justice, and peace in the world.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: For farmers and a good harvest, for sailors and all who work at sea, for travelers and those on vacation, for students and faculty returning to classes, and for safety from violent storms.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: For our city and every community, and for our families, companions, and all we love.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lifting our voices with all creation, with the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: We especially pray for *(names from the prayer list may be inserted here)*. I invite any additional prayers of intercession or thanksgiving at this time.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

The Deacon says the concluding prayer.

Lord of wind and water, hear the prayers we offer this day for all battered by the waves of this world and bring them in safety to your harbor; 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

“The Word is near you, on your lips and in your heart,’ if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

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

Herman of Alaska: Missionary to the Aleut, 1837
Sunday, August 9, 2026

Laurence of Rome, Deacon and Martyr, 258
Monday, August 10, 2026

Clare of Assisi, Monastic, 1253
Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Florence Nightingale, Nurse, 1910
Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Jeremy Taylor, Bishop and Theologian, 1667
Thursday, August 13, 2026

Jonathan Myrick Daniels, Martyr, 1965
Friday, August 14, 2026

UPCOMING AT HOLY CROSS

Wednesday, August 13

Prayer Group, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Reva Arnold Food Pantry, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Sunday, August 16

The Service of Antecomunion