



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH ✦ DECATUR, ALABAMA
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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 17, 2026

8:00 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

Please keep a reverent silence before the liturgy and ensure all electronic devices are silenced.

Prayers and liturgy can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal. Hymns listed with an "S" in front of the number can be found in the front of the hymnal in the Service Music section.

Organ Prelude

Prelude on Duke Street

Arr. Whitworth

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 323

The Collect for Purity

BCP 323

Gloria in excelsis

Hymn S204

The Collect of the Day

The First Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

The Psalm

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

The Gospel

John 17:1-11

The Sermon

Ms. Julia Sanford, Seminarian

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

The Prayers of the People

BCP 328

Confession & Absolution

BCP 330

The Peace

BCP 332

Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Presentation Hymn

Hymn 380

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer 1

BCP 333

Sanctus

Hymn S114

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 337

Fraction Anthem

*God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;
forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 339

The Blessing

BCP 339

Procession Hymn

Hymn 494

Dismissal

BCP 339

10:30 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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Organ Prelude
Prelude on Duke Street
Arr. Whitworth
Hymn 450

Processional Hymn

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation BCP 355
The Collect for Purity BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis Hymn S280
The Collect of the Day
The First Lesson Acts 1:6-14
Psalm Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36
The Second Lesson 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
Sequence Hymn & Children's Chapel Procession Hymn 483
The Gospel John 17:1-11
The Sermon Ms. Julia Sanford, Seminarian
The Nicene Creed BCP 358
Prayers of the People Form III BCP 387
Confession & Absolution BCP 360
The Peace BCP 360
Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers *Inside Back Cover, BCP*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory
Presentation Hymn Hymn 380
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361
Sanctus Hymn S125
The Lord's Prayer BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364
Fraction Anthem

***God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;
Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;
forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth. Alleluia, Alleluia!***

Communion Hymn 1 Hymn 307
Communion Hymn 2 Hymn 315
The Post Communion Prayer BCP 365
The Blessing BCP 366
Procession Hymn Hymn 494
Dismissal BCP 366

All who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would like information regarding baptism at St. John's, please speak to one of the clergy. For reasons of public health, if you desire to intinct, please allow the Eucharist Minister to dip your host in the wine and place it on your tongue. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, simply indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

TODAY'S READINGS

The Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)

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- ¹ Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- ² Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- ³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- ⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- ⁵ Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- ⁶ God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- ⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- ⁸ The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- ⁹ You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

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¹⁰ Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made
provision for the poor.

³³ Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.

³⁴ He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

³⁵ Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in
the skies.

³⁶ How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power
to his people! Blessed be God!

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

John 17:1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

SERVING TODAY

Ushers	8:00 AM Harry Moore	10:30 AM: Amy Faruqui, Bobbi Wilson
Lectors	8:00 AM: Harry Moore	10:30 AM: Mike Faruqui
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	8:00 AM: Erika Huber	10:30 AM: Dodie Hall
Acolytes	8:00 AM: Rebecca Self	10:30 AM: Jonathan Ackerman, Piper Nickels, Sadie Wilson
Media Ministry	Kevin Wilson	
Flower Rearranger	Dell Felts	
Flower Deliverer	Jeanne Ackerman	
Vestry Person of the Day	Jackie Joiner	