

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

1305 Thomas Dr, Bellevue, NE 68005



May 21, 2023

9:30 am

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Rite II

WELCOME EVERYONE

If you are our guest today, or are a member who has been away for a while, we are glad you joined us for worship today. Please let us know you are joining us online by leaving a comment, or by emailing us so that we can say thank you.

God Bless
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The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Opening Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Hymnal 450

Welcome

Peace

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia**

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

**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.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People : **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson: 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

- 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.
- 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!

The Epistle: 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn

The Head That Once was Crowned

Hymnal 483 (v1-3)

The Gospel: John 17:1-11

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Message

Terri S

The Nicene Creed *[Please stand]*

Celebrant: Please stand as we affirm 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.**

Prayers of the People

[Please kneel or be seated]

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Scott our Bishop; Tom, our priest; Terri, our postulant for the diaconate; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for ____; in the Diocesan Cycle of prayer, ____, and in the DR ____.

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for those who have graduated, elementary school, **Ailynn M, McKenzie C**, _____, for those who have graduated high school, **Ava A, Jacob A, Logan B, Skye C, Camryn C**, _____ for those who have graduated college, **Darius H, Sydney M, Lee M, Sydney T**, _____ and those with advanced degrees **Julie N**. _____ For this gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for our President, Joe Biden; our governor, Jim Pillen; and for all elected and appointed officials of the communities in which we live and around the world. I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor and the destitute, for the sick, the hungry and those who struggle to survive; and for those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____], and those we name silently or out loud. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

In our own congregation, I ask your prayers that God stays with and strengthens all those who are ill; especially _____ are there others?

I ask your prayers to lift up those with special concerns; especially the _____ are there others?

I ask your prayers and remembrances today for those who serve our country at home and abroad and for our veterans. Oh God, Our Heavenly Father, You have blessed us with brave men and women who are willing to defend our freedom. May Your protection and grace surround them each day, Let Your healing hand be upon those who suffer wounds and injuries. May those who have made the ultimate sacrifice rest forever in Your Holy Presence. Comfort the families who mourn and are left to remember the precious lives of their loved ones. Help us to honor and support them. Let us ever be mindful of each sacrifice made on behalf of the American people by our sons, daughters, husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, and friends. Amen.

Watch over those in our community who travel; especially; _____ are there others? Keep them safe as only you can.

We ask that you continue to pour out your blessings on those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially; _____; are there others? and those who are celebrating anniversaries, especially; _____ are there others?

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Reader: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Reader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 hearts; 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 Celebrant continues:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

Almighty God, whose will it is to hold heaven and earth in the peace of your kingdom, give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. **Amen**

Offertory Hymn

On Christ the Solid Rock

CHS 8

Doxology

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S124

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people may stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

The Lord's Prayer

**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, the power and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Hymn

Hymnal S154

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,**

Facing the people, the Celebrant offers the following invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

Thou Who at the First Eucharist

Hymnal 315

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

The Blessing

Announcements

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Going Forth Hymn

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Hymnal 522

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS			
Ministries		May 21	May 28
VPOD		Cindy P	Leslie N
Hospitality		Team 2	Team 3
Altar Guild		Team 3	Team 4
Altar Bread		Ryan M	Ryan M
LEM's	5:00 pm	Kristi S	Charlotte A
	8:00 am	Ken G	Rick S
	9:30 am	Michele H Terri S	Lori E Vince C
Recycle		Lynda W	Karen G
Acolytes 9:30 am	C T T S1 S2	Olivia H Kyper M McKenzie	Isaiah J Mya Akina Vincent Eric

Birthday/Anniversary Prayers

Birthday Prayer: O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on *this* your servant, as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness, all the days of *their* life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.


Anniversary Prayer: O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully on these who have been joined together. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Birthdays:

Brian W
 Vivian N
 Maggie H

Anniversaries:

Chris & Kris G

 The Nave Presence Candle is given by the Wilson Family in Thanksgiving for Jack, Emily & Brian's Birthdays. The Chapel Presence Candle is given by Bill French in Thanksgiving for Kathleen French and in Memory of our parents, Vernon & Jean French, Earl McMillion & Bertha Mealy

This Week's Highlights

Flag Retirement: Troop 483 will be hosting a flag retirement ceremony, as part of an Eagle project, at CHS on Sat 27 May. If you, or someone you know, has an American Flag that is no longer serviceable, drop it by the church office between now and Fri (26 May).

Pentecost: Next Sun (28 May) is Pentecost Sunday. Please wear something red to help us celebrate. Group pictures will be taken following the service. If you are unable to be here, send us a picture of you wearing something red for the monthly newsletter.

Wednesday Worship: Due to a scheduling conflict, we will not resume our Wednesday morning worship until Wed (31 May).

Parish Clean-up. Help us spruce up the place before the bishop's visit next month by joining us on Sat (3 Jun) between 9am-1pm. We have several outdoor projects and a few indoor ones. All skill levels welcome. For more info, please contact Dean Olander or Chris Darrell. Please sign up at the Spirit Hub to let us know you are coming.

Journeys Escape Room: Current Journeys youth (and those entering 6th grade this fall) are invited to join Fr. Tom and some of the Journeys staff for a fun evening on Wed (31 May) as we do our best to successfully escape from a local escape room. Please sign up at the Spirit Hub to let us know you are going. This event is free for parish youth.

Journeys Pilgrimage: Registration for our J2A pilgrimage (18-23 Jun) will end Sunday (4 Jun). Youth 12-18 can still stop by the Spirit Hub to sign up. During this trip we will visit several churches across Nebraska offering prayer for each community, performing a service project, and along the way do a little sightseeing. Registration forms are now available at the Hub and must be returned on or before Sun (4 Jun).

DioNeb Camp Canterbury: Registration for youth entering 4th-12th grade is now open for summer camp (17-21 Jul). Parish youth attending can receive a \$150 parish scholarship to help cover the cost. Please contact Fr. Tom before registering. To register, visit <https://campcanterbury.episcopal-ne.org>.

Cursillo: Registration is now open for DioNeb Cursillo (22-25 Jun). The Cursillo weekend is an active challenge to pursue a life of Christian service with the support of the Christian community. A scholarship is available to any who wish to attend. For more information, please contact Ruth Richter or visit <https://www.nebraskaepiscopalcursillo.org>.

New Acolyte Team Leader needed: Fr. Tom is looking for an adult who would be willing to lead our growing acolyte ministry team. The team leader is responsible for training, supplies, and scheduling. If you might be interested, please contact Fr. Tom.

Santa Ana Mission: CHS is partnering with St. Mary's in Blair to raise the funding needed to providing electricity, running water, and to repair church plumbing to the Santa Ana Mission in the DR. Our goal, as a parish, is to raise at least \$1500. Additional funds received will go to support other projects at the Santa Ana Mission. Please note