



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 17, 2026  
11 a.m.

*We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839, this Christian community has gathered for worship. To learn more about the ministries we share in this place, you are invited to fill out one of the welcome cards found in the pew rack. We are glad you are here!*

 *The Cathedral is equipped with a hearing loop for assisted listening via telecoil.*

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite One**

THE REV. LIZ KRONENBERG, *Canon Vicar*  
Celebrant

*The Liturgy is found in The Book of Common Prayer (BCP).  
Hymns and service music (S) are in The Hymnal 1982.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Reflection Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

CHORAL INTROIT

Tone VII

V: Consider, O Lord, and hear me, when I cry unto thee, alleluia; unto thee my heart hath said, Thy face, Lord, have I sought; thy face, Lord, will I seek.

R: O hide not thou thy face from thy servant, alleluia, alleluia.

HYMN 450

*Coronation*

***The Word of God***

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*BCP page 323*

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY AND THE SUMMARY

GLORIA *Mass in Dorian Mode* Barrie Cabena (1933-2025)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:6-14

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



Let God arise, and let his enemies be / scattered; \*  
 let those who hate him flee be/fore him.  
 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it a/way; \*  
 as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish  
 at the presence of / God.  
 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before / God; \*  
 let them also be merry and / joyful.  
 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
 exalt him who rides upon the / heavens; \*  
 YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice be/fore him!  
 Father of orphans, defender of / widows, \*  
 God in his holy habi/tation!  
 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into / freedom; \*  
 but the rebels shall live in dry / places.  
 O God, when you went forth before your / people, \*  
 when you marched through the / wilderness,  
 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.  
 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your in/heritance; \*  
 you refreshed the land when it was / weary.  
 Your people found their / home in it; \*  
 in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the / poor.  
 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the / earth; \*  
 sing praises to the / Lord.  
 He rides in the heavens, the ancient / heavens; \*  
 he sends forth his voice, his mighty / voice.  
 Ascribe power to / God; \*  
 his majesty is over Israel;  
 his strength is in the / skies.  
 How wonderful is God in his holy / places! \*  
 the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
 Blessed be / God!

THE SECOND LESSON

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

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 483

*St. Magnus*

ALLELUIA

Tone II



Al - le - lú - ia.

V. **Alleluia.** God is gone up with a merry noise:

R. And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel reading, the Priest says*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Nathaniel Katz, Dean

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*To the call, "To you alone we pray," the people are invited to respond, "Hear us, O risen Christ."*

THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord, after which the people are seated for brief announcements.*

***The Holy Communion***

*Offerings of alms and bread and wine are received.*

AT THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O clap your hands, all ye people; Shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible; He is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, The Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises unto our King, For God is the King of all the earth; Sing ye praises, everyone that hath understanding. God reigneth over the heathen, God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.

— *Psalm 47:1-2, 5-8*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer II, page 340*

SURSUM CORDA S 112

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Mass in Dorian Mode*

Barrie Cabena

*During the Great Fifty Days of Easter it is Cathedral custom to remain standing.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER CONTINUES

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FRACTION ANTHEM

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

AGNUS DEI

*Mass in Dorian Mode*

Barrie Cabena

*The sacrament of Holy Communion has been precious to Christians for 2,000 years. It is a way in which many sense the reality of God's forgiveness, our union with God and each other, and the eternal life to which we belong. Please know that you do not have to be an Episcopalian to receive Communion. To receive, you may kneel or stand at the altar rail. Receive the Bread in the palm of your hand and the Wine either by drinking from the cup or by intinction, touching the Bread to the Wine. Gluten-free Bread is available; simply ask at the altar rail. If you need Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.*

## AT THE ADMINISTRATION

ANTHEM

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Coelos ascendit hodie, Jesus Christus Rex gloriae, Alleluia! Sedet ad Patris dexteram, gubernat coelum et terram, Alleluia! Jam finem habent omnia, Patris Davidis carmina, jam Dominus cum Domino, Alleluia! Sedet in Dei solio, in hoc triumpho maximo, Alleluia! Benedicamus Domino, laudatur Sancta Trinitas, Deo dicamus gratias, Alleluia! Amen.

*Today Jesus Christ, the King of glory, has ascended into the heavens, Alleluia! He sits at the Father's right hand, ruling heaven and earth, Alleluia! Now are David's songs fulfilled, now is the Lord with his Lord, Alleluia! He sits upon the royal throne of God, in this his greatest triumph, Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord: Let the Holy Trinity be praised, let us give thanks to the Lord, Alleluia! Amen.*

*When Lay Eucharistic Visitors take the Sacrament to members of our Cathedral family:*

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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## THE BLESSING

## HYMN 494

*Diademata*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Recessional

Grayston Ives (b.1948)

*Cathedral tours, highlighting the history of our beautiful building, are given by a Cathedral Tour Guide each Sunday following the 11 o'clock service. Join the guide under the Crucifixion Window at the rear of the nave.*

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## Readings this Week from the *Revised Common Lectionary*

### THE NEW TESTAMENT

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.

#### 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.

#### THE GOSPEL

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.”

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#### *The Book of Remembrance*

This week we remember Martha Moore Cuenod.

#### *The Beauty of Flowers*

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of our Cathedral Class of ‘26 seniors: Tennessee Galbreth, Katherine Hull, James Hudson, Wilson Johnson, Karsyn Lessner, Rachel Marcontell, Topher McCord, Ralph Nettles, Finnian Owsley, and Jaylah Quintanilla.

# Welcome

## Sunday, May 17, 2026

### *Announcements*

- ❖ **Whitsuntide Concert** • Join the choirs of Christ Church Cathedral on May 24 at 5 p.m. for a magnificent evening of choral and instrumental masterworks. The evening culminates in Joseph Haydn's powerhouse *Missa in Angustiis* (mass in troubled times), popularly known as the Lord Nelson Mass. More information on our announcements page.
- ❖ **Treble Choir of Houston's Spring Concert** • The annual spring concert of the Treble Choir of Houston is fast approaching and will be held at Trinity Downtown Church located at 800 Houston Ave, on Sunday, May 17, at 3 p.m. The concert is free to attend and more information may be found at: [treblechoir.com](http://treblechoir.com).
- ❖ **Final Spring Neighborhood Gathering** • This spring Christ Church Cathedral has hosted a series of neighborhood get-togethers. It's a relaxed evening from 6-7:30 p.m. to meet new faces, catch up with old friends, and just enjoy being together outside of Sunday. There is one more event on Monday, May 18 (Southwest area). Spots are limited, so RSVP soon. Host and RSVP info at: [christchurchcathedral.org/announcements](http://christchurchcathedral.org/announcements).
- ❖ **Seeking Pentecost Readers** • We are looking for volunteers to proclaim the Gospel in various languages during our services on Sunday, May 24, as a powerful sign of the Holy Spirit's work among all people. While we have readers for Spanish, Italian, and German, we want to represent as many cultures as possible. Whether you are fluent or conversational, your voice is welcome! Join us for a brief rehearsal on Saturday, May 23, at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral. To participate, please contact the Rev. Liz Kronenberg, Canon Vicar at: [lkronenberg@christchurchcathedral.org](mailto:lkronenberg@christchurchcathedral.org).
- ❖ **News for Children & Families and Youth** • Stay connected during the summer by signing up for the Cathedral Families and/or Treehouse newsletters to learn about summer offerings like Art Space for All (Sundays at 10 a.m. in Reynolds Hall), Summer Shade (youth activities), and Movable Feast (family, food, and fun in June and July). Childcare runs through the summer as usual 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays.
- ❖ **Summer Shade 2026: The Treehouse Cup** • This summer we're kicking things off with The Treehouse Cup, a series of fun outings across Houston as the city gets ready to host the World Cup. From movie night under the stars to adventure parks, Fan Fest, and a water park day, Summer Shade is all about spending time together and making the most of the summer. Grab a friend and come hang with us this summer. Soccer jerseys welcome! Space may be limited for some events, so be sure to register on our announcements page.
- ❖ **Education for Ministry – Fertile Ground to Grow Your Faith** • On May 31 four parishioners will celebrate their completion of the Education for Ministry (EfM) program: Michael Cruz, Gay Gullede, Nina Johnston, and Ellen Luby. A graduation ceremony will be celebrated during the 11 a.m. service, followed by a reception in the Mellinger Room. Anyone who has ever taken or has interest in learning more about the program is invited. EfM at the Cathedral will resume meeting on Tuesdays from 6:30-9 p.m. starting September 8. This year we will transition to being a Zoom meeting only. For more information on tuition, registration, or about EfM in general contact the mentor: Lucy Wagner, 713-253-4903, [lmwagner1219@gmail.com](mailto:lmwagner1219@gmail.com).
- ❖ **Save the Date: Pride Eucharist is June 5** • Kick off the weekend with purpose, community, and a little creative flair. Before we take to the streets, we're gathering to center ourselves in love and prep for the march ahead. Join us at 6 p.m. in Reynolds for Poster Making and a Reception and then at 7 p.m. in the Cathedral for our Pride Eucharist. More info at: [christchurchcathedral.org/Pride](http://christchurchcathedral.org/Pride).