



CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026 10:00 am

Choral Holy Eucharist

Welcome to our Sunday morning worship service at Church of Our Saviour.

We are glad you are here.

For those who cannot join us in person, today's service is being live cast and recorded. Please note the recording may be made publicly available on YouTube and Facebook.

SERVING TODAY

Presider: The Very Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith

Preacher: Rev. Gerry Caprio

Music Director: Jeanette Tietze

Lector: Jen Dodge, Koko Peters

Eucharistic Ministers: Jen Dodge, Koko Peters

Intercessor: Jen Dodge

Usher: John MacLeod

Altar: Connie Goldsmith, Susan Wetzler

Flowers: Judith Miller

The Christian spiritual path is always walked in community. Our worship together is our response to the love of God. Gathering for worship allows us to support one another as we seek to respond to the call to Christian life.

If you are new to The Episcopal Church, we invite you to join in worship as you feel comfortable. The congregation reads the **bold** portions in this booklet in unison. Some people practice their personal piety through gestures such as making the sign of the cross or bowing at certain times because they find it helps them to focus and deepen their experience. There is no requirement to do so but, if you'd like to try, feel free to follow the lead of others in the room. You are invited to participate in all elements of the service, including taking Communion.

We extend a special welcome to families of all configurations. If you are attending with a family member who needs more room to wiggle or make noise, they'll probably find others like themselves in the toddler room off the narthex (vestibule), which families are welcome (but in no way required) to use.

The Episcopal Church is rooted in the Anglican tradition. We use *The Book of Common Prayer*, a book filled with prayers and liturgies that shape our worship. It is the red book you will find in front of you. Any Episcopal Church you attend will use a similar pattern for worship. This booklet makes use of *The Book of Common Prayer* and other texts, with a sidebar to help explain the shape and purpose of our liturgy. Your questions and your participation are always welcome

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

THE ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 544

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all those to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

People **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 10:17-21

The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

Reader Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

The Liturgy of the Word is the first half of our worship. We focus on God's work in the world by reading and reflecting on scripture and through prayer.

The opening sentences serve as a greeting for those who have gathered for worship.

This prayer, called the Collect for Purity, invites us to step out of our crowded day and into a consciousness of God's loving presence.

A hymn of praise always follows the opening words, so that we can begin our worship in gratitude.

A collect is a type of prayer that "collects" or "gathers" the intentions of the people.

There are different collects appointed for each day of the church year that attend to the themes of the readings and the church season.

We follow a three-year cycle of readings called a lectionary. On the same day the same scripture lessons are heard in congregations of all types throughout the world.

It is customary for lay people to read the Lessons. We welcome new readers. If you feel called to be one, please let the celebrant or a member of the community know.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-9

I will exalt you, O God my King, *
 and bless your Name for ever and ever.
 Every day will I bless you *
 and praise your Name for ever and ever.
 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
 there is no end to his greatness.
 One generation shall praise your works to another *
 and shall declare your power.
 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
 and all your marvelous works.
 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
 and I will tell of your greatness.
 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
 they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
 slow to anger and of great kindness.
 The Lord is loving to everyone *
 and his compassion is over all his works.

THE SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Reader Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.
 People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Caribbean Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:43-48

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends

The Psalms, ancient songs and poetry from the Old Testament, are sometimes called the prayer book of the Bible. They appear in our Book of Common Prayer as the Psalter, beginning on page 582.

Many of the Psalms are traditionally attributed to King David. They may be sung, recited, or read antiphonally.

The Second Reading, sometimes called the Epistle, is usually selected from the letters that were written to the early church communities. They are typically attributed to Paul, Peter and other apostles were written to guide and strengthen the young Christian communities.

The word Gospel means 'good news'. We hear part of the story of Jesus Christ, who, by revealing the depth of God's love for us, is the ultimate bringer of good news to the world.

The historical setting is Jesus' ministry in first-century Galilee and Judea, while John the Baptist is imprisoned and many religious leaders and crowds have become skeptical or resistant. Jesus criticizes a generation that rejects both John's

rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

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

SERMON

All sit.

Rev. Gerry Caprio

austerity and his own table fellowship, then invites the weary to find rest under his yoke.

The sermon “breaks open” the Word of God and proclaims the gospel in the context of the readings from scripture, the liturgical occasion and the gathered congregation.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of our Christian faith. Based on the older Apostles Creed, the Nicene Creed was adopted by the Council of Nicaea in 325. It was shaped over the next century to resolve controversies over the divine and human natures of Jesus Christ, and the relationship of mutuality within the Holy Trinity.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

**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

Reader In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying,
“Christ, have mercy.”
For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation
of all, let us pray.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Reader For all Christian leaders in this nation and around the world:
that they may be led by the love and self-giving of God,
inspired by Christ’s example of service, and especially his
witness of care for the least and the lost, the poor and needy,
the widow and the orphan, Let us pray.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Reader For the Church of God in every place, and especially in this
nation as we celebrate two hundred and fifty years since our
founding. May the Church and all people strive to establish
the equality among all members of the human family that so
stirred the hopes and dreams of generations in these United
States, and may we seek to safeguard and uphold the
unalienable human rights of all people, regardless of race,
creed, gender or sexual orientation. May the Church, in her
witness of Christ’s self-giving love for the world, serve to
motivate that same kind of love for others in all that we do.
Let us pray.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Reader For all those in this and every land who are sick, hungry,
tired, grief-stricken, the victims of state violence and
oppression, and especially those whose rights, legal freedoms
and protections are threatened or denied by those in
positions of power and authority. May these unjust sufferers
know the balm that is your healing embrace, and may your
fiery love for justice draw all people together as we seek to
shield and safeguard those among us who are so mistreated.
Let us pray.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Reader For the members of our local community here in California,
that we may witness to your love in our words and our
deeds, ever keeping before us the power of your compassion
as we seek to oppose and dismantle the structures of
violence and prejudice that seem to grow ever-stronger in
our present age. May our hope in you be strengthened by

In prayer we bring the needs of the world,
and our own needs, to God.

During The Prayers of the People, we pray
for:

- The Universal Church, its members,
and its mission
- The Nation and all in authority
- The welfare of the world
- The concerns of the local community
- Those who suffer and those in any
trouble
- The departed

You are invited to name people, places or
things in your heart or out loud following
each intercession.

victories great and small, and may we ever rely upon you as we seek to establish your justice in the earth. Let us pray.

People

Christ, have mercy.

Reader

For all those who have died in the struggle to make real the lofty ideals of equality and freedom described in our nation's founding documents, remembering especially Dolores Huerta, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Medgar Evers, the Rev. George W. Lee, James Chaney, Lamar Smith, the Rev. James Reeb, and all others known and unknown as champions of justice and equality against the forces of evil and oppression in this world. Let us pray.

People

Christ, have mercy.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Almighty and eternal God, source of all wisdom and understanding: you bless this country and all who dwell within it. We repent for the times we have contributed to alienation, fear, and anger, and for the times we have failed to act with compassion and respect for our neighbors whose views differ from our own. We have treated each other as enemies rather than beloved. We have stirred up division rather than promoting unity, and passed judgment rather than extending mercy.

Forgive us, God. Remove all hatred and malice from our hearts and sow love and goodwill in their place. Help us uphold our devotion to justice, truth, and democracy. Let us never take for granted the freedoms won in generations past. May your wisdom lead us to better ways to live together with humility and generosity of spirit. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

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.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

In the Peace, we acknowledge that we encounter Christ in one another, and we prepare to receive communion.

In ancient times, Christians would greet each other with "the kiss of peace". Today

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Come Down O Love Divine*

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine to the celebrant.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant God 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 our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit, you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and

we shake hands or hug. There are no set words- "Peace," "God's Peace," and "The Peace of the Lord be with you," are all commonly used.

The Liturgy of the Table is the second half of our worship. We shift our focus to the altar, God's table, where we meet Christ in the bread and wine that is offered, blessed, and shared.

In the offertory we present ourselves before God by offering the fruits of our common life and work. Your generosity supports the many ministries of Church of Our Saviour and The Episcopal Church around the world.

OFFERTORY



We begin Holy Communion with a dialogue (sometimes sung) that invites us to turn our attention towards God.

In the Eucharistic Prayer we praise God for the God's creating, saving and redeeming acts throughout history, and especially for the gift of Jesus Christ.

As we sing the Sanctus (Latin for 'Holy') we join with the whole heavenly host in praising God who calls us into relationship with the whole Body of Christ across time and space.

rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.
AMEN.

People **Amen.**
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Together, we say a "memorial acclamation" that acknowledges that God is always on the side of humanity: past, present and future.

The priest asks God to send the Holy Spirit to bless the bread, wine, and us as we prepare to receive Communion.

In "The Great Amen" we all join in asking Jesus to be present in the bread and the wine.

The Lord's Prayer is the link between our daily bread, meaning the things we need to get through each day, and the spiritual food we will receive in the Eucharist.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Hymnal S-154

COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 692

Gluten free wafers are available on request. All who are seeking Christ are invited to receive communion. Hold out your hands and you will be given the bread. Help the cupbearer by guiding the chalice to your lips by the base. You may also receive the bread and the wine together. Hold the bread in your hand and the chalice-bearer will dip it in the wine and return it to your hand. You have fully received communion if you receive only the bread or the wine. If you would prefer to receive a blessing simply cross your arms over your chest. Whoever you are, and whatever you need today, you are welcome here and we are glad you are with us.

Just like the bread and wine, our lives, if we choose to open them up to God, can also be taken (accepted by God), blessed (assured of God's loving-kindness and empowered to grow in God's Spirit), broken or poured (not held tightly in our own control), and shared (sent out to be Christ's presence in the world).

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

After communion, we say a prayer of thanksgiving together which reminds us to live our daily lives in the spirit of The Holy Eucharist, filled with thanksgiving, so that what we celebrate in the liturgy might become realized in our lives.

BLESSINGS

For birthdays

BCP p. 830

For travel

BCP p. 831

For anniversaries

BCP p. 431

For the assembly (Celebrant)

The priest offers the congregation a blessing that assures us of God's ongoing love, guidance, and presence in our lives.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 616

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The final act of our common worship is the Dismissal. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service.

We are sent out as apostles, to carry forward Christ's own work to change the world, and to call forth God's Kingdom. We go out from the church in mission and ministry to the world.

POSTLUDE



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, July 5, Sunday Forum:
"Christian but not Nationalist"

*Join Rev. Julia for a brief video and conversation about Christian Nationalism,
a distortion of Christianity that endangers our constitutional republic.*

There are so many other good ways to celebrate our country and its history!

Fireside Room, 11:30am

Monday, July 6, Adult Education
Saved: The Why and the How
Fireside Room, 6:00pm-7:00pm

Sunday, July 12, Summer Picnic/BBQ Coffee Hour
Fireside room & Labyrinth Patio, 11:15am-1:30pm

Friday, July 17, St. Anne's Circle
Fireside Room, 10:00am-Noon

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WORSHIP AT CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

Sundays: 8:00 am Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am Choral Eucharist & Fellowship Coffee Hour

Wednesdays: 10:30 am Holy Communion followed by Bible Study
