
The Holy Eucharist
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026—10 a.m. and livestreamed



WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

We are blessed by your presence. Whether you have been coming for years, or it is your first time here, we hope you find riches today in offering your prayer and praise with others in this holy space. Whoever you are, wherever you hurt, whatever joys and concerns you bring, you are welcome at Christ's table and at St. Peter's Cathedral.

For more information, or to make a prayer request, please complete a "Welcome" card in the pew rack, and drop it in the offering plate.

Please join us downstairs after worship to enjoy friends old and new, and share snacks and conversation.

*Please silence
electronic
devices.*



**During
worship, the
People's
spoken
responses
are printed in
boldface.**

Prelude

John Goodwin, Organ

† **Hymn** *All things bright and beautiful* [For harmony, see 405 in *Hymnal 1982* in the pew rack]

All stand as able

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

All things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all,

- 1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum - mer sun,
- 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain

God made their glow-ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

† **Opening Acclamation**

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

† **Gloria in excelsis** (*The People sing the refrain only*)

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth.

1. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **(Refrain)**

2. 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. **(Refrain)**
3. 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. Amen! **(Refrain)**

† **The Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit for the readings and the Psalm

† **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;**
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.**
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.**
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.**
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**
- 15 I called out to God with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.**
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the LORD would not have heard me;**
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
God has attended to the voice of my prayer.**
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.**

† **A Reading from the Epistles**

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your

defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able

† **Alleluia at the Gospel** (*Sung through twice*)

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia at the Gospel. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/8. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes in both systems. The first system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots, and the second system also ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

† **A reading from the Gospel**

John 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will

not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

The People sit

† **The Sermon**

The Very Reverend Kendra Wilde

† **The Nicene Creed**

All stand, as 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.**

† The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Let us pray.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Presider offers a concluding Collect

Trinity of love, inviting us to abide in you: may we follow the Spirit of truth through desert wild and city street, rutted field and snowbound height, battleground and market square, that your demanding love might speak to the heart of the manifold world; through Jesus Christ, our Brother. **Amen.**

† The Peace

All stand, as able

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

The Holy Communion

† The Offertory

† Hymn at the Offertory, *Faith of our mothers*

All stand, as able

1 Faith of our moth - ers liv - ing still in cra - dle - song and
2 Faith of our moth - ers lov - ing faith, fount of our child - hood's
3 Faith of our moth - ers guid - ing faith, through youth - ful long - ing,

fam - i - ly prayer; in bed - time sto - ries and fire - side love
trust and grace; O, may thy con - se - cra - tion prove
youth - ful doubt; how blurred our vis - ion, blind our way

thy pre - sence still per - vades the air.
source of a fi - ner no - bler race. Faith of our moth - ers
thy prov - i - den - tial care with - out.

ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee 'til death.

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4 Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
in truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
still serve the home and save the Church,
and breathe thy spirit through our deeds;
faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
we will be true to thee till death.

All stand, as able

† The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God. Chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Christ is the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

The musical notation is written on three staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a four-measure rest, followed by the lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The second staff continues with "God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and". The third staff concludes with "earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -".

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
 he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

During the Easter season, the People are invited to remain standing, as able

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in

the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Jim and blessed Sharon, and with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

† 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

† The Breaking of the Bread

Silence

† The Fraction Anthem

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us feast on the true Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Life.
Our souls are fed by Christ alone. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Invitation to Communion

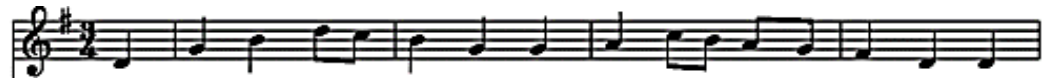
The people may sit before and after receiving communion.

■ Christ welcomes all to the table for Communion or a Blessing. ■ If you prefer a Blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, helping the minister guide the chalice to your lips. ■ If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. ■ You may respond to communion by saying "Amen." ■ Tell the minister if you require gluten-free elements or alcohol-free wine.

■ In the Episcopal Church Baptism generally precedes communion and is offered several times a year; please speak to a member of the clergy to learn more. ■

Remaining seated, all may sing

Let all things now living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2 God's law he en - for - ces, the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um-phantly raise, who fash-ioned and
 Sun in its or - bit o - be-diently shine; the hills and the



made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us
 moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the



on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's
 o - cean pro - claim God di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our



light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin-ing forth in the
 love and re - joic-ing; with glad a - dor - a - tion a song let us



night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is
 raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -



ban-ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 giv - ing: "to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

How can I keep from singing?



1 My life flows on in end-less song a -
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I
 3 What, though my joys and com-fort die, the
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a



bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. I hear the real though
 hear that mu - sic ring - ing; It sounds and ech - oes
 Lord, my sav - ior liv - eth. What though the dark - ness
 foun - tain ev - er spring-ing. All things are mine since



far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 in my soul; How can I keep from sing-ing?
 gath-er 'round? Songs in the night it giv-eth.
 I am his; How can I keep from sing-ing?



No storm can shake my in-most calm, while to that rock I'm



cling-ing. Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,



How can I keep from sing-ing?

On behalf of those participating remotely, the Presider offers a prayer for Spiritual Communion.

The Presider continues, saying

Let us pray.

† **The Prayer after Communion**

The people may stand

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

† **Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors**

In the name of Christ and this congregation, we send forth Barb, Chris, and Manny bearing these holy gifts, that Peggy Kude may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.

The Children's Moment

The Very Reverend Kendra Wilde

The Prayer for birthdays: Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer for anniversaries: We thank you, O God, for consecrating the marriage of N. and N. in Christ's Name and presence. Lead them into deepening companionship with each other and with you. Give them grace to live in love and fidelity. Strengthen them all their days, and bring them to that holy table where, with those we love, we will feast for ever in our heavenly home; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

Announcements

The People stand

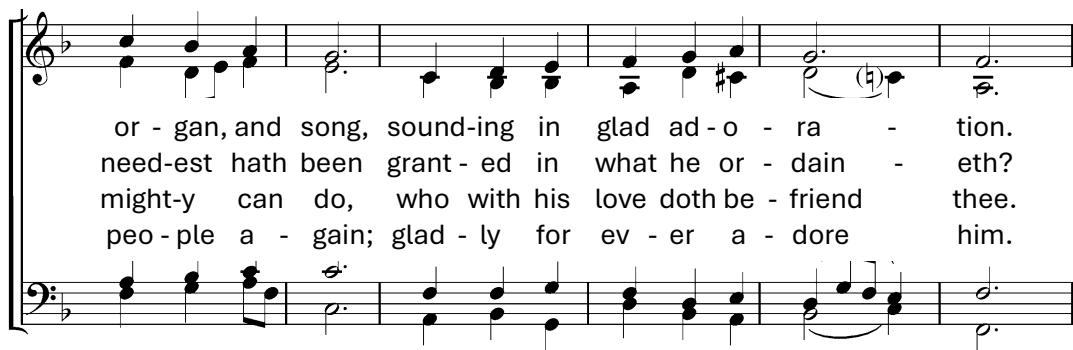
† The Blessing

† Sending hymn, *Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation*

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



or - gan, and song, sound-ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need-est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might-y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

† The Dismissal

Postlude

John Goodwin, Organ

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The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop
Episcopal Diocese of Montana
The Right Reverend Marty Stebbins, Bishop

St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral
Helena, Montana
The Very Reverend Kendra Wilde, Dean and Rector

† THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS †

Presider/Preacher

The Very Reverend Kendra Wilde

Acolytes

Annalee Curtis and Laura Kingsbury

Lectors

Audrey Towery and Vera Towery

Intercessor

Ruth Ann Shuler

Eucharistic Minister

Hope Stockwell

Chalice bearer

Aubrey Curtis

Eucharistic Visitors

Chris Boyce, Barb Hoag, and Manny Hoag

Ushers

Gretchen Hibbard and Scott Hibbard

Organist

John Goodwin

St. Peter's Choir

Patty Dean, Interim Music Director

† NEXT WEEK'S (MAY 17) LITURGICAL MINISTERS †

Presider/Preacher

The Very Reverend Kendra Wilde

Acolyte

Liam Fox

Lectors

Darien Scott and Maggie Stockwell

Intercessor

Sandy Gumbert

Eucharistic Minister

Charlie Briggs

Chalice bearer

Lizzie Carlson-Thompson

Eucharistic Visitors

Donna Church and Robin Ericksen

Ushers

Grace Berger and Mark Kelley

Organist

John Goodwin

St. Peter's Choir

Patty Dean, Interim Music Director

Would you like to know more about one of these liturgical ministries? Are you curious about serving? If you are in a period of wondering about a ministry, please be in touch with one of our clergy. Summer is a perfect time to be in discernment because formation and training for most of these ministries is scheduled for the fall.