

## The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 17, 2026 10:00 am

### Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Hymn #603*

*“When Christ was lifted from the earth”*

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

*Gloria in excelsis S 280*

#### **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 WORD OF GOD

#### **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.

The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

### **The 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.

The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

**Hymn #552**

***“Fight the good fight, with all thy might”***

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John

*People: Glory to you Lord Christ*

**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.”

The Gospel of the Lord

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ*

The Sermon

The Rev. Norman Erb-White

The Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People      Form III      BCP 387

**Discernment Prayer (NEW):**

*Gracious and loving God, you teach us that things happen in your time. As we continue to wait for clergy candidates, encourage us, the people of St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's Episcopal Churches, to grow steadfastly in our ministries to love and serve our neighbors by sharing the Good News in Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, following where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. As this discernment period evolves, empower the members of our Vestries and Discernment Committees to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill in us a glorious vision of the future: one where we are united in love and ministry in fulfilling the mission of our baptismal vows; through our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Exchange of the Peace

**Offertory Anthem      “With the voice of song”      Choir**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)      BCP 367  
**Sanctus    128**

The Lord's Prayer      BCP 364

**The Fraction Anthem      S 155**

Communion of the People

**Communion Hymn # 460      “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”**

The Blessing

**Hymn #215**                      ***“See the Conqueror mounts in triumph”***

The Dismissal

From *The Book Of Common Prayer 1979*

Hymns from *The Hymnal 1982*

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time please pray the following:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleans and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus. And let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

**Prayers for a New Priest**

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion, and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**Remember Today In Your Prayers:**

Catherine McCloskey, Carol Adams, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Maryann Marchl, Bethany McKinley, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Randy Maurer, Joann Cleslo, Keith Hipp.

**Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:**

Donovan Pendell, Bill & Doris Horner, Cynthia Greig, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Shawn & Tyler McKinley, Marlene Rhin, Lou Hoffer.

**Flower & Plant Sale**

We have only a few weeks left for our Plant. The weather is warmer and it's time to get planting!

Price for a Flat of 8 Packs is \$15.00

Price for a Hanging Basket or Pouch is \$20.00

***Readers and Greeters May-June 2026***

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Lisa Bell- Loncella or Colleen Curry know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

**Sunday Readers**

May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pam Hysong & Joann Lacko
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Francis-in-the Fields
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Colleen Curry & Donovan Pendell
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Joann Lacko & Donna Carosi
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Doug Zawiskie & Colleen Curry
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Donovan Pendell & Richard Burkert
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pam Hysong & Joann Lacko

## Sunday Greeters & Ushers

May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sam & Heidi Buchan
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Amy & Penn Whitlow
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Jane & Jerry Strittmatter
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Amy & Penn Whitlow
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tina Grata & Joann Lacko
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Melissa Babalonis & Aiden Barlow
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sam & Heidi Buchan

## May Worship Schedule

May 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rev. Norm Erb-White
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pentecost – Share the Feast</b> 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rev. Kimberly Karashin Services at St. Francis in the Fields, Somerset
May 31 <sup>rst</sup>	<b>Trinity Sunday – Share the Feast</b> 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rev. Kimberly Karashin Services at St. Mark's, Johnstown
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Second Sunday after Pentecost</b> Morning Prayer Rite I Colleen Curry Leading
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Third Sunday after Pentecost</b> Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Norman Erb-White Presiding
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Morning Prayer Rite II Doug Zawiskie Leading
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Regis Smolko Presiding

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>
Sunday	May 17 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II
Tuesday	May 19 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm Calendar Committee
Saturday	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am Spring Clean Up

## Next Sunday: The Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday	May 24 <sup>th</sup> Holy Eucharist II – St. Francis
Monday	May 25 <sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Office Closed

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17 May 2026

## Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Clergy licensed in Pittsburgh, including the Rev. Bruce Bevans,  
the Rev. Miguel Carmons, and the Rev. Charles Weiss

## Altar Flowers Given to the Greater Glory of God

In Loving Memory of

My Father

Holley Mack Bell

On His Anniversary

May 11, 2008

From Lisa Bell-Loncella & Jim Loncella

In Loving Memory of Laura Sweeney

and the

Smith & Sweeney Families

Perpetual Flowers

## Next Week's Readings

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

*Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through  
transformational worship and service*