

**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026**  
**THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**ROGATION SUNDAY**

**PRELUDE**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**HYMN:** "Morning has broken"

1. Morning has broken like  
the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh  
from the Word.
2. Sweet the rain's new fall  
sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of  
the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where  
his feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is  
the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!
4. Morning has broken like  
the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh  
from the Word.

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People*          ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

*The Celebrant says*

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.**

*The following song of praise is said, all standing*

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord,\*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord,\*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let the earth glorify the Lord,\*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,  
and all that grows upon the earth,\*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas,  
and streams,\*

O whales and all that move in the waters.

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord,\*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild,\*  
and all you flocks and herds.

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord,\*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;\*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord,\*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LESSONS**

### **THE FIRST LESSON:** Deuteronomy 11:10-15

For the land that you are about to enter to occupy is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you sow your seed and irrigate by foot like a vegetable garden. But the land that you are crossing over to occupy is a land of hills and valleys, watered by rain from the sky, a land that the Lord your God looks after. The eyes of the Lord your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

If you will only heed his every commandment that I am commanding you today—loving the Lord your God, and serving him with all your heart and with all your soul— then he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, and you will gather in your grain, your wine, and your oil; and he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you will eat your fill.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

### **THE PSALM:** Psalm 147:1-13

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.

13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;

#### **THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:18-25**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*Reader*  
*People*

The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

## **HYMN: "Fairest Lord Jesus"**

1. Fairest Lord Jesus,  
Ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son;  
Thee will I cherish,  
Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,  
Fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine,  
Fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

## **THE GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-32**

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

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

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

## **THE SERMON**

The Rev. Brad Mullis

## **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.***

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Let us pray for the needs of the church and the whole world, and especially for the stewardship of God's creation.

Father, we pray for the Church universal, that through the spread of your word and in our faithful witness, it may seek to restore a balance within nature.

***That our relationship with creation may reflect your blessing of it as good.***

Lord Jesus you asked Peter three times if he loved you, calling him each time into the care of your flock. May we each affirm our love as did Peter.

***That our love may be expressed through the right use of the resources you have given us.***

Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation bringing forth order from chaos, we pray that you will so guide and govern the leaders of the Church, both lay and ordained.

***That their decisions may reflect your sustaining presence with the world.***

Father, before whom governments tremble and to whom all knees shall bend; we pray that our temporal decisions as communities and nations may seek to preserve your creation.

***That generations to come may see your majesty in the windswept beauty of the skies.***

Lord Jesus, who stilled the winds and calmed the sea, speak your word into our unruly hearts that the fear that leads us to abuse your creation may cease.

***That all may enjoy the abundance you provide.***

Holy Spirit, who filled the prophets with passion for your Word; fill our hearts also with zeal for your creation.

***That in our just use of it all peoples may see your righteous will and great compassion.***

Father, who sent your son to be among us as servant and savior; we pray that we may preserve your creation in all its glory, following his pattern.

***That those who follow may know you and love because of our obedience to you.***

Lord Jesus, who was lifted from the tomb on the third day, thus ending forever the domination of death, move us to nurture life for all your creatures.

***That the great variety of creation may be preserved.***

Holy Spirit, in whose companionship the Father and Son are one, help us to see ourselves as intimately linked with all your creation.

***That all things may be brought to their completion in you.***

Remembering our own needs and those of others, have compassion on those who suffer from any grief and trouble.

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon us.***

O loving God, you made all that is and called us to be your stewards; you made all things and filled them with your blessing, you put your own breath into every living thing: Keep us mindful of our vocation to care for your creation, and give us the hope and courage we need to preserve and protect your fragile world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them up 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; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, 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 for joy:

*Celebrant and People*

***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.***

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call 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 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 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 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.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*People and Celebrant*

***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, and then says:*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People*        ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

*Then the Celebrant says*

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.

## **THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

**HYMN:** "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn  
with strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place  
where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face,  
believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

*After Communion, the Celebrant says:*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

***Gracious God, you have given us much this day: the wheat and grapes which found our feast, the wit and will to transform them into bread and wine, and the precious presence of your Son who transfigures and redeems all that we have broken and lost.***

***Send us out now to care for this fragile earth, our island home. Grant us the strength and courage to transform the toxic, irreverent ways we live, and the saving presence of your Son Jesus Christ who goes before us and calls us into this world you love. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.***

**THE BLESSING**

May you be a new creation, Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be amongst you and with you always. **Amen.**

**HYMN: "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies;

**CHORUS:**

Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light;

**CHORUS**

3. For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild;

**CHORUS**

4. For Thy church that evermore,  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Off'ring up on ev'ry shore,  
Her pure sacrifice of love:

**CHORUS**

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Response*

***Thanks be to God!***

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of my sister,  
Alice Murphy Ramseur, by Julia Scott.*