



The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026 • 10:30 a.m.

Welcome! Everything you need to follow along with today's service can be found in this liturgy guide.

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hymnal 460

All stand, as able.

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

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1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Presider prays the Collect for Purity, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Song of Praise

Celtic Alleluia

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

Verses

ia! *1. Now he is liv - ing, the Christ. —
 2. Christ is the first fruits from death, —
 **3. Give thanks to the Lord who is good. — The
 4. The right hand of God raised me up. — The
 5. The stone which the build - ers re - ject-ed be -

1. Out of the tomb he is ris - en; he has con- quered death,
 2. fill- ing the church with his glo - ry! Dark- ness van - ish - es
 3. love of the Lord knows no end - ing. All in Is - ra - el
 4. hand of the Lord ___ has tri- umphed. I shall nev - er die,
 5. comes ___ the cor - ner- stone cho - sen. Praise the work of God

to Refrain

1. o - pened heav - en to all ___ be - liev - ers. ___
 2. in the light ___ of ___ his pow - er. ___
 3. say: "God's love ___ has ___ no end." ___
 4. I shall live ___ tell - ing God's deeds. ___
 5. for this mar - vel ___ in ___ our eyes! ___

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

After the reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

The Lector leads the reading of the Psalm.

¹ Arise, O God, and your enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate you flee before you.

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 your presence, O God.

³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before
you; *
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴ We sing praises to your holy Name; we exalt the
One who rides upon the heavens; *
yours is the Name in which we rejoice!

⁵ Guardian of orphans, defender of widows, *
God, in your holy habitation!

⁶ You give the solitary a home and bring 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 nations of the earth; *
sing praises to the Holy One,

³⁴ Who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
who sends forth a voice, a mighty voice.

³⁵ Ascribe power to God, *
whose majesty is over Israel, whose strength is in
the skies.

³⁶ How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to the
people; blessed be God!

The Second Reading

After the reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1. "Go___ preach my gos - pel," saith the Lord, "Bid___
 2. "I'll___ make my great___ com - mis - sion known, And___
 3. "Go___ heal the sick,___ go raise the dead, Go___
 4. "While___ thus ye fol - low my com - mands, I'm___
 5. He___ spake and light___ shone round His head, On___

1. the whole earth___ my grace re - ceive, Ex - plain to them my
 2. ye shall prove___ my gos - pel true By all the works that
 3. cast out dev - ils in my name. Nor let my proph - ets
 4. with you till___ the world shall end. All pow'r is trust - ed
 5. a bright cloud___ to heav'n He rode. They to the far - thest

1. sa - cred word, Bid___ them be - lieve,___ o - bey, and live."___
 2. I have done, And___ all the won - ders ye shall do."___
 3. be a - fraid, Though___ man re - proach, - and will blas - pheme."___
 4. in my hands; I___ can de - stroy,___ and can de - fend."___
 5. na - tion spread The___ grace of their___ as - cend - ed God. ___

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Thomas Hastings (1784-1872).

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel is processed around the assembly. You may touch, kiss, or reverence the Gospel as it passes.

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to _____.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel is proclaimed:

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

The Sermon

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,
Begot / ten, 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:
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
Vir/gin Mary,
And became / truly human.*

*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 gi/ver of life,
Who proceeds / from the Father.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped / and glorified.
Who has spoken / through the Prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apo/stolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgive / ness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of / the dead,
and the life of the world to / come. Amen.*

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The Prayers of the People

After each petition:

Intercessor Risen God;

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Presider prays a concluding Collect, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

The Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People share a sign of God's peace with one another.

Offertory Hymn & Procession

O healing river

Advocate Songbook 68

All are invited to come forward as we offer not only ourselves, but the gifts from our lives: bread and wine, funds, and other food that supports the Inter-Faith Council's food bank. This presentation is in the form of a procession towards the altar, where you may offer your gifts to God, including yourselves.

Give to the Advocate online: <https://tinyurl.com/GiveToAdvocate>

*Cantor:**

1. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
2. This land is parch-ing, this land is
3. Let the seed of free - dom, a - wake and

wa - ters, Send down your wa - ters
burn-ing, No seed is grow-ing
flour-ish, Let the deep roots nour-ish,

up - on this land. O heal - ing
in the bar - ren ground. O heal - ing
let the tall stalks rise. O heal - ing

riv - er, send down your wa - ters, And wash the
riv - er, send down your wa - ters, O heal - ing
riv - er, send down your wa - ters, O heal - ing

blood from off the sand.
riv - er, send your wa - ters down.
riv - er, from out of the skies.

*The assembly echoes each phrase of the cantor at the interval of one half measure.

Text: Fran Minkoff
Tune: Fred Hellerman; arr. by Michael Joncas, b.1951
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The Presider recalls God's work in creation, humanity's fall away from God, and the redemption of the world by Christ. After recalling Christ's Last Supper, the Presider and People pray:

Presider Therefore we proclaim the Mystery of Faith:

People **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

The Presider prays that the gifts and People may be sanctified by God. After the Presider has completed the Eucharistic Prayer, the People respond in a loud voice, 'AMEN!'

Celebrant: As our Sa-vior Christ has taught us we now pray, Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name, —

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for -

give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours, now and for e - ver. A - men.

Music: Nikolai Kedrov, Sr. (1871-1940)

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence follows.

Presider Behold what you are.

People **May we become what we receive.**

The Presider invites the People to receive the Communion of our Lord. All we welcome to come forward.

Those gathered at home are invited to pray the following prayer as those in person receive:

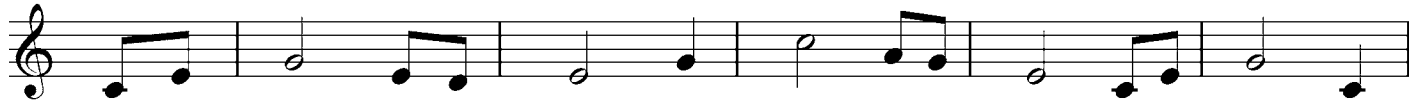
Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in Word and Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to unending peace in your glorious kingdom. Amen.

Communion Hymn

My shepherd will supply my need

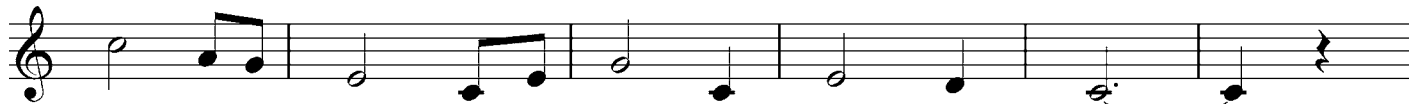
Hymnal 664



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
 is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
 all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
 port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
 mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
 There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
 ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
 go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.____
 o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.____
 or a guest, but like a child at home.____

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23. Music: *Resignation*, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.**

The Presider offers a blessing, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Going-Forth Hymn

When the saints go marching in

Advocate Songbook 93

1. I am just a lonesome traveller,
Through this big wide world of sin;
Want to join that grand procession,
When the saints go marching in.

Oh when the saints go marching in,
Oh when the saints go marching in,
Oh how I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.
2. All my folks have gone before me,
All my friends and all my kin;
But I'll meet with them up yonder,
When the saints go marching in.

Oh when the saints go marching in,
Oh when the saints go marching in,
I will meet them all up in heaven,
When the saints go marching in.
3. Come and join me in my journey,
'cause it's tie that we begin;
And we'll be there for that judgement,
When the saints go marching in.

Oh when the saints go marching in,
Oh when the saints go marching in,
We will be in line for that judgement,
When the saints go marching in.

Dismissal

The Dismissal is given, and the People respond in a loud voice, 'Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!'

The Ministers and People sing the Easter Troparion (next page) and dance out of the chapel and into a new, resurrected world.

Easter Troparion

Three times

Christ is ri - sen from the dead, tram - pling down death by death,

and up - on those in the tombs, be - stow - ing life.

Music: Serbian melody. Copying for local use is permitted and encouraged.

All Alleluia!



Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Advocate

Whether you're a newcomer or a longtime member, we're so glad to have you worship with us today!

Here at the Advocate, we believe in the core principles of compassion, justice, and transformation, which are expressed in the rhythms of our worship. The ancient word for what we do is 'liturgy,' which means 'the work of the people,' and it is the work of the Advocate to pray and break bread together, as our Sunday morning liturgy inspires us to go into the world proclaiming the love of Jesus. We therefore encourage the people gathered to participate fully, by your prayers, your singing, and your presence.

The songs we sing come from the blue *Hymnal 1982*, as well as our Advocate Songbook, which features music from other resources such as *Lift Every Voice and Sing*; *Wonder, Love, and Praise*; *Voices Found*; the American shape note tradition; Taizé; St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church; and more. All are used with copyright permission.

Founded at the turn of the century as a mission of the three Orange County Episcopal congregations, the Advocate has been a place of rest and refuge for believers of all sorts. We welcome every expression of the human condition and encourage questions and conversation, as we explore together what it means to be followers of Jesus in an ever changing and confusing world. In 2023 we achieved parish status, and we're excited for this new season in which we're continuing to learn and grow into what it means to be a witness of Christ's love for the wider community.



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We are a people of prayer and action, eager to serve our neighbors near and far. Through intergenerational formation, worship, and fellowship opportunities, we offer a place for anyone and everyone to explore their own faith and find the strength and support of a loving community of seekers.

No matter who you are, or where you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place here. Welcome to the Advocate!



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