

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER HOLY EUCHARIST

April 28, 2024

We welcome you today, and always, just as you are. All directions for sitting, standing, and kneeling are “as you are able”. If you need assistance, please ask a neighbor or an usher.

Let us gather in silence to listen to God before the Eucharist and gather to build community after the service.

*Congregation shares in saying the words in **bold**.*

PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Thou art the Way, to thee alone (*St. James*)

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All Stand.

1 Thou art the Way, to thee a - lone from sin and death we flee;
 2 Thou art the Truth, thy word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
 3 Thou art the Life, the rend - ing tomb pro - claims thy con - quering arm;
 4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,

and all who would the Fa - ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.
 thou on - ly canst in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
 and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.
 that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

All Remain Standing.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All Remain Standing.

Presider: 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.**

GLORIA

All Remain Standing.

8:00AM is Spoken. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 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. 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.

10:15AM is Sung.

Glory to God to God in the highest (Canticle 20) (Powell)

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

All Stand.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

All are Seated.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 22:24-30

All Remain Seated.

²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷For kingship belongs to the LORD; *

he rules over the nations.

²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

²⁹My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that he has done.

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

All Remain Seated.

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world.

¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOPSEL ACCLAMATION

In Christ there is no East or West (*McKee*)

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All Stand. Repeat Verse 1 after the Gospel Reading.

Unison or harmony

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples both of the faith, what -
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

All Remain Standing.

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

All are Seated.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All Stand.

Presider: In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say:

People & Presider: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All Remain Standing.

Cleric: Together, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The Lay Reader continues with the following Prayers, and the People remain in silence for a moment after each prayer:

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good, especially those living under hostile conditions in Israel, Palestine, Gaza, Iran, Ukraine, and Haiti.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pray that those enduring any disasters may be safe and restored, especially those affected by the wildfires in New Jersey, the dust storm in Greece, the tornado in Missouri, and the flooding in Kenya and Dubai.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Keep watch over all those who work as educators, provide healthcare, organize or volunteer with non-profits, serve in the military, and operate as emergency responders, including Richard W., Eric C., Michael S., Chris W., Mark R., Michael B., Marshal N., Nicole G., Deonne H., David B., Tony G., Mark, Timothy N., Jerome S., Tommy K., William S., Bianca D., Austin, Neil S., Julie S., Evan H., James R., Robert W., Rob H., Tom H., Joan H., David III, Michael D., Doug C., Mitchell H., and Wayne M.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We ask your prayers for all those who are sick; suffering; ill; infirm; disabled; confined; homebound; hungry; thirsty; needy; homeless; imprisoned; and addicted; especially these persons on our Prayer List: Robert H., Lisa S., Ginny B., Theresa T., Fran F., Roy R., Mark S., Susan F., Patty, Christine M., Lisa P., Eva S., Katie C., Chris G., Bill G., Don G., Patti B., Alysha, Michele, Jane B., Bill F., Janice K., Tracy, Jim, Susan A., Emily D., Becca D., Katharyn H., Ben G., Mary Lou W., Lynne W., Jimmy W., Missy W., Jimmy Carter, and Vincent N.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom, as we especially remember our fellow parishioner Virginia E. "Ginger" Cain.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Presider reads a concluding collect.

People: Amen.

THE PEACE

All Stand. The Ministers and People may greet one another with the sign of peace.

Presider: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All are Seated.

[See the Announcements Section at the end of the Bulletin for all the events happening around our Parish Church.](#)

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All Remain Seated.

The Presider selects an Offertory Sentence.

8:00AM The Offering Plate is stationary, positioned in the back by the baptismal font. Please leave your sacred gift there.

10:15AM Offering Plates will be passed through the congregation. Please make your sacred gift when it comes to you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“O Taste and See”

by Ralph Vaughan Williams

All Remain Seated.

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SURSUM CORDA

All Stand.

8:00AM is Spoken.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: And also with you.

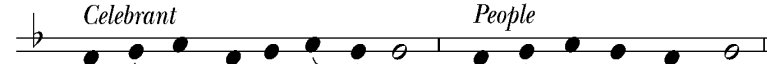
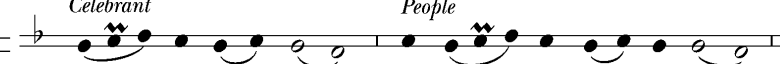
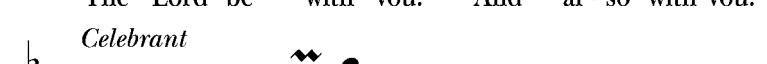

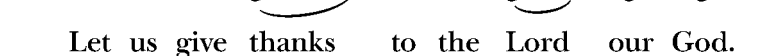
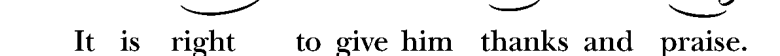
People: We lift them to the Lord.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

10:15AM is Sung.

Lift up your hearts

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<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And al - so with you.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</p>

PROPER PREFACE

All Remain Standing.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we 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. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say:

SANCTUS

All Remain Standing.

8:00AM is Spoken. 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.

10:15AM is Sung.

Holy, holy, holy (*Schubert / Proulx*)

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

All Stand or Kneel.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all. When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

All Remain Standing or Kneeling.

8:00AM is Spoken. **We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.**

10:15AM is Sung.

We remember his death (*Robinson*)

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Celebrant and People

We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

EPICLESIS

All Remain Standing or Kneeling.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

THE GREAT AMEN

All Remain Standing or Kneeling.

8:00AM is Spoken. Amen.

10:15AM is Sung.

Amen (Robinson)

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

All Remain Standing or Kneeling.

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

People & Presider: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

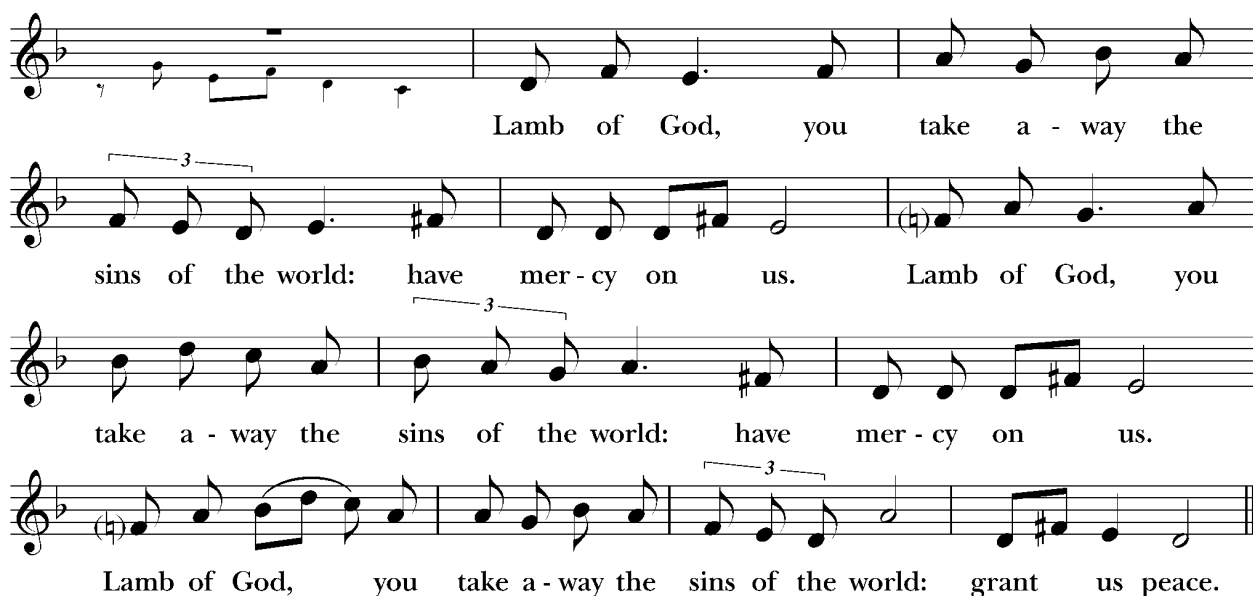
All Remain Standing or Kneeling.

*8:00AM is Spoken. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

10:15AM is Sung.

O Lamb of God (Powell)

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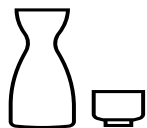
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All Sit or Kneel.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All Remain Sitting or Kneeling.



Communion is distributed by kneeling at the altar rail in the form of the bread host and wine from the common chalice. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest, as you are able. If the steps are a difficulty, please alert an usher for assistance.

COMMUNION HYMN #1

Christ, the vine (*Ecce Deus*)

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All Remain Sitting or Kneeling.

Christ, the vine, and God, the gard - ener,
we the branch - es bear - ing fruit.
We can bring forth shoots of prom - ise
when our lives in Christ take root.
Christ, the fruit from Jes - se spring - ing,
you ful - filled the pro - phet's trust.
And you pray that we, your bo - dy,
will ful - fill your trust in us.

All Remain Sitting or Kneeling.

1 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed, for thy Flesh is of
 2 Vine of heaven, thy Blood sup-plies for this blest cup of

meat in-deed; ev-er may our souls be fed
 sac-ri-fice; Lord, thy wounds our heal-ing give,

with this true cross and we liv-ing Bread; day-by day with
 to thy cross we look and live: Je-sus, may we

strength sup-plied, through the life of him who died.
 ev-er be graft-ed, root-ed, built in thee.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*All Remain Sitting or Kneeling.**Presider:* Let us pray.

People & Presider: 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.

BLESSING

All Remain Standing or Kneeling.

Presider: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and bestowing life to those in tomb and the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit now and forever.

People: Amen.

All Stand. Verse 2 is omitted.

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

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

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

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

DISMISSAL

All Remain Standing.

Cleric: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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CCRP EVENTS & INFORMATION

Whoever you are, for whatever draws you to join us today, we are glad that you are here. If you would like to learn more about how to connect and grow through the ministries of the Episcopal Church in this region, and Christ Church Ridley Park (CCRP), please find the Connect Card under “Dive In” or “Join” on our website: ChristChurchRidleyPark.org.

Service Time Change NEXT WEEK! The second Sunday Eucharist service will begin at 10:00AM starting on Sunday, May 5th, 2024. See you all 15 minutes earlier for the new Worship Time next week.



Next Sunday Fellowship: Join us on Sunday, May 5th, 2024 after the 10:00AM service for First Sunday of the Month Coffee Hour in the Deppich Room!

Rogation Sunday: Christian Earth Day is Sunday, May 5th, 2024. In the days before the Feast of the Ascension, forty days after Easter, were traditionally times to bless the newly planted crops and pray for a successful crop. “Rogation” comes from the Latin word “to ask”. In our modern times, Rogation Sunday is also a time to bless our crops and gardens, no matter if it is a full farm or a couple of tomato plants. It is also a time for us to reflect upon how to be stewards of the earth, "this our fragile island home" (Eucharistic Prayer C). We will pray some unique prayers, sing hymns for the day, and receive a blessing kit for your own home. If you have any perennial plants you are dividing and would like to share with the church, it would be an honor to have part of your garden to help beautify our church yard.



Celebrating the Ascension: The Midweek Eucharist on Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 at 7:00PM will honor the Feast of the Ascension, and it will include a meditation on our great Ascension Window in the Church.

Sunday School & Children’s Chapel: This is an interactive, storytelling, and creative Christian worship time for children Pre-K to 5th Grade. Children meet in the Whaley Room during the 10:15AM service with Leader Sharon Cotter. The invitation is open to any household with children interested in engaging in faithful wondering together.



Adult Forum: Adult Forum is a time to reflect on the day's readings, the events of the world, and how it relates to our lives. No preparation is needed; just show up. It will be held every Sunday after the 8:00AM Eucharist and go until about 10:00AM. You can show up whenever you can make it, and there is no commitment.

Homebound Visits: Our Team of Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) are ready to bring communion to homebound parishioners. If you would like a visit from Fr. Michael or would like to receive communion in your home, we ask that you and notify the Church Office so that it can be arranged for you.





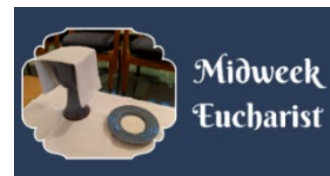
Learning the Eucharist: From now through Pentecost, Sunday School will be focusing their lessons on the Eucharist. This is a wonderful opportunity for hands-on learning where children will return to their caregivers during service to receive Eucharist together.

Digital Evangelists: Spreading the good news of Jesus and the work of Christ Church is the responsibility of each of us. We need your help to take pictures of church events and not only share them to the Church social media but also your own social media. Posting photos and sharing church events are small ways we can expand our presence in the world.

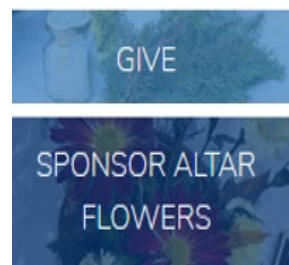


Daily Office: Through Facebook or the parish website you can join Fr. Michael on Mondays through Saturdays for Morning Prayer at 8:30AM and Evening Prayer at 7:00PM. Join live or replay any video throughout the day at your convenience. These services will last about 10 to 15 minutes. It will include a Psalm, a Scripture Reading, and Intercessions for those in need. The great thing is you will not even have to leave the comfort of your home. Once they are prayed live, you can watch them at any point during the day.

Midweek Eucharist: Fr. Michael will preside over Eucharist every Wednesday evening at 7:00PM. Not a morning person? Work on the weekends? Looking for a midweek faith practice? Then we will see you in the pews on Wednesdays.



Sponsor Altar Flowers: Beautify the sanctuary with Altar Flowers shared “in memory” or “in honor” of someone special. To sponsor flowers online through our website, look for the “GIVE” button (upper righthand corner) to navigate. You may also contact the office (call, text, e-mail, or drop a note) with flower information and payment. Names of the donors and the tribute will be placed in the Parish Bulletin for that week.



Easter Traditions

- The Easter Season goes from the Easter Vigil to Pentecost (50 days). It's longer and more important than Lent.
- The two main symbols of Easter are the Paschal Candle and the Font.
 - The Paschal Candle is the large candle lighted throughout the Great Fifty Days. It is marked with the Alpha and Omega (the beginning and the end) and five nails containing incense symbolizing the glorious wounds of Christ. It is also lighted at baptisms and funerals.
 - The Baptismal Font is located at the back of the church since it is through baptism that we enter the church. Feel free to dip your hand into the water as you enter church or make the sign of the cross as a small way of reminding yourselves of your baptism when entering the church.
- You will get wet in the Easter Season! Asperges, or sprinkling with Holy Water, is another small way to remind you of your baptism. It is also very fun for priests!
- Since it is a season of joy the confession is traditionally omitted. In the early church kneeling was also forbidden since it was a sign of penance, but that is up to your personal piety.
- We will be using Eucharistic Prayer D in the Easter Season. Traditionally, attributed to St. Basil from the 4th Century. He stressed the role of baptism and the Holy Spirit in the prayer. The Prayers of the People can also be included in the Eucharistic Prayer.

EASTER SEASON



The Great Church Clean Out: As we all know, churches become dumping grounds for everything and Christ Church Ridley Park is no exception. To help us lighten the load, we are getting a dumpster and will be sorting through the building. The primary focus will be the basement and garage, but really every closet could use some attention. What is not useful will be put in the dumpster, but we are also hoping to give away or sell some of the items that should not go to waste. This is a team project and we need your help! All capable hands are welcome, if you have young and energetic family members we will need help hauling up and down stairs. If there are items that you hold near and dear that have been stored away for years without use, please consider talking to Fr. Michael. If it is something we are no longer interested in housing, it is your responsibility to save it from finding a life outside of CCRP. Starting Friday, May 3rd, 2024 through Monday, May 13th, 2024 stop by the church when you can and join us however long you are able. Throughout the following week this project will be our priority and volunteers will be needed! **The Big Kick-Off for the Clean-Out will be Saturday, May 4th, 2024 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM, see you there!**



Dive Deeper Online! Scan the QR code pictured here on the right with your smartphone camera to connect with Christ Church Ridley Park online platforms or visit linktr.ee/ccrp1 in your web browser. Watch livestreams, visit our website, sign up for lay ministries, give online, follow our social media, and so much more!



**Altar Flowers today are in loving memory of
Marlene Nickerson by her husband William Nickerson.**



Feast Days of the Week:

Monday, April 29th, 2024: Catherine of Siena, Mystic and Prophetic Witness
Wednesday, May 1st, 2024: Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles
Thursday, May 2nd, 2024: Athanasius of Alexandria, Bishop and Theologian
Friday, May 3rd, 2024: Elisabeth Cruciger, Poet and Hymnographer
Saturday, May 4th, 2024: Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo

Christ Church Ridley Park (CCRP) Leadership

The Reverend Michael Ruk, Interim Priest-in-Charge
The Reverend Dennis Bingham, Deacon
Dr. Josh Miller, Choirmaster / Organist
Mackenzie Alexander, Communications Director
Nicholas D'Amato, Parish Church Administrator

Vestry Members: Sharon Cotter, Nicole Bowden, Eileen Capozzoli, Earl Dempsey, Bruce Horne, Nancy Mobley, Kathleen Okarski, Patrick O'Neill, Carol Parasink, Barbara Torrens, & Judy Yorke

Choir Members: Aria Anderson, Alice Berry, Carole Buchan, Archie Cotter, Robert Hand, Enric Rhoades, Julie Wickland

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