



*Christ Church Episcopal
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022, 9:00am*

Prelude

Rhapsody

Andrew Gant
Brenda Meehan, flute

Opening Hymn

O Praise Ye the Lord!

#432 Hymnal 1982

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| 1 | O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word,
ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him
by whom ye were made,
and worship before him,
in brightness arrayed. | 3 | O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
each jubilant chord
re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory
forth tell in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story
of what he hath done. |
| 2 | O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord,
all ye of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you
his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you
to sing of his love. | 4 | O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured
all ages along!
For love in creation,
for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord! |

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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.**

- 1 He is risen, he is risen!
 Tell it out with joyful voice:
 he has burst his three days' prison;
 let the whole wide earth rejoice:
 death is conquered, we are free,
 Christ has won the victory.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Acts¹

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

¹ Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Laudate Dominum

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

A Reading from the Book of Revelation²

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;

² Revelation 21:1-6

they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

In Christ There Is No East or West

#529 Hymnal 1982

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.
- 3 Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are joined as one
throughout the whole wide earth.

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to **John**³

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you

³ John 13:31-35

also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Donna Foughty

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

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: Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father we pray for your Holy Catholic Church. In the Anglican cycle of Prayer we pray for The The Scottish Episcopal Church. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Parishes of the Merrimack Valley Deanery including St. James' Church of Amesbury, Christ Church of Andover, All Saints' Church of Chelmsford, St. James' Church of Groveland, and Trinity Church of Haverhill

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 our bishops, Justin Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our presiding bishop, our bishops Alan and Gayle, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

We pray for our president, Joe, our vice president, Kamala, and our Congress.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world that they may all promote peace and unity among all people;

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. We especially pray for Anna Andolina, George Arsenaault, Dan Campion, Sheila Creutz, Betty Decker, Asa Decker, Danita Gregory, Betty Hadfield, Julie Kraft, Sheila Moss-White, Melissa Rice, Elizabeth Salomé, Ethan Salomé, Rick Strawn, Nancy Truesdale, and all those displaced, injured, or killed by war and violence.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; we remember especially Mary Francis Ellison and David Bowley, as well as all who have died as a result of violence.

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. In thanksgiving we pray for those having birthdays and anniversaries this week.

Celebrant Praise to you, abundant God, for when we ask, you give; when we seek, you show the way. When we knock, you answer. Praise to you for your unfailing grace. Make us now your faithful people. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet each other with a nod or bow following COVID protocols.

The Holy Communion

Choir Offertory

Come Unto Me

Larry Nickel

Brenda Meehan, flute

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and 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.

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

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,

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. A period of silence is kept.

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

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.

Please come to the altar rail to receive the bread and a small cup of wine. As you leave the altar area, place the empty cup in the bin provided so the glasses may be cleaned.

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [**Amen.**]

Communion Hymn

I Come with Joy

#304 Hymnal 1982

- 1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.
- 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see, and praise him here.
- 5 Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

Post-communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Go Forth for God

#347 Hymnal 1982

- 1 Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in his kingdom we behold his face.
- 2 Go forth for God; go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
his love supplies the grace and power we seek.
- 3 Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
render to no one evil; Christ at length
shall overcome all darkness with his light.
- 4 Go forth for God; go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

*Celebrant
People*

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Ayre

Georg Philippe Telemann
Brenda Meehan, flute

*The flowers that beautify our altar today were given by Mary Ellen Bowley
in memory of David Bowley who passed away May 12, 2021.*

Those serving in today's service

Lisa DeLong, reader; Elaine Mason, greeter

Elizabeth Salomé and Deborah Aylesworth, Altar Guild servers

Meg Pappas, Flower delivery; Betty Ann Waldo, Coffee hour

On May 22, Kam Anderson will read, Lisa DeLong will greet, and Mary Ellen Eichmann will deliver flowers.

Christ Church Mission Statement

Our mission at Christ Church is to invite all people to celebrate with us in our worship and service of God, so that together we may make Christ's love known in our world.

Christ Church Staff

The Rev. Donna Foughty, Rector

Nancy McCarthy, Music Director

Todd Woolley, Sexton

Lisa Berman, Parish Administrator

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News and Noteworthy

Rector's Reflections -- When you see him, please say a big "thank you" to our double-duty Vestry member and Sexton, **Todd Woolley**, who took on the huge task of earning ServSafe certification on behalf of the church. Todd volunteered to do this so that we could, once again, have a Harwich Board of Health-approved commercial kitchen. Todd spent many, many hours reading and studying for this comprehensive exam, and passed with flying colors. We are very grateful for his going way above and beyond with this undertaking.

Now that our kitchen is fully permitted, we are able to welcome our new "tenant": **Andale on Wheels**. This new food truck business is owned and run by Eddie Sarabia and will be offering authentic Mexican food this spring and summer at a location off Route 28 east of the church. Eddie will be prepping his delicious food in our kitchen in the mornings; you may see him around, so please wish him luck with his new venture. We're delighted to be able to help him out.

Free Covid test kits -- Jennifer Lutz has donated 15 at-home Covid test kits that are free for anyone who wants one. They will be in the Fellowship hall. They are compliments of Outer Cape Health Services and the Dennis Chamber of Commerce.

Noah's Ark Thrift Shop -- We are looking for some folks who would be willing to bring items that the Thrift Shop cannot sell to the Treasure Chest. During the last few years, we were forced to throw away many items that might have been reused by the people of Harwich because The Treasure Chest was closed. It is due to reopen to Harwich residents, likely on weekends, with the purchase of a \$5 sticker. Please contact Dottie or Betty Ann if you can help: Betty Ann 508-385-8494, dwaldo1@msn.com or Dottie 508-432-1295, Dottie_Callaghan@hotmail.com.

Also -- We could use "beach reads" for the tourists who will be looking for fiction books this summer!

Meals assistance for the Deckers – We're happy to report that Betty is home and recovering. To provide Betty and Asa some additional support, a twice a week "meal train" has been set up for them by a neighbor and Christ Church folks are encouraged to participate by making a meal and dropping it off at the Decker's home. Simply go to www.mealtrain.com/trains/2e5775 to choose a date and see instructions for quantities, preferences, and drop off. Sidney Coursen will do her best to answer any questions; you can reach her at 508-246-7890 or fhcoursen@aol.com. These meal donations will last until the end of June.

The Book Lovers' Gathering meets at the church on Tuesdays at 12:00 noon. Newcomers are warmly welcomed and a copy of the book being discussed is always available. The group has recently begun a new book: the historical fiction version of *The Children's Blizzard* by Melanie Benjamin.