



*Christ Church Episcopal
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022, 9:00am*

Opening Hymn

The Spacious Firmament on High

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- 1 The spacious firmament on high,
with all the blue ethereal sky,
and spangled heavens, a shining frame,
their great Original proclaim.
The unwearied sun from day to day
does his Creator's power display;
and publishes to every land
the work of an almighty hand.

- 2 Soon as the evening shades prevail,
the moon takes up the wondrous tale,
and nightly to the listening earth
repeats the story of her birth:
whilst all the stars that round her burn,
and all the planets in their turn,
confirm the tidings, as they roll
and spread the truth from pole to pole.

- 3 What though in solemn silence all
move round the dark terrestrial ball?
What though no real voice nor sound
amid their radiant orbs be found?
In reason's ear they all rejoice,
and utter forth a glorious voice;
for ever singing as they shine,
'The hand that made us is divine.'

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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Acts¹

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

¹ Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Deus misereatur

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

A Reading from the Book of Revelation²

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

² Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

- 1 Christ is the world's true Light,
its Captain of salvation,
the Daystar clear and bright
of every race and nation;
new life, new hope awakes,
for all who own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.
- 2 In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord
all shall forsake their fear,
to ploughshare beat the sword,
to pruning-hook the spear.
- 3 One Lord, in one great Name
unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

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.**

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids -- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

³ John 5:1-9

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 Church of the Province of South East Asia. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Parishes of the Merrimack Valley Deanery including Grace Church of Lawrence, Esperanza Academy of Lawrence,

St. Anne's Church of Lowell, St. John's Church of Lowell, and in Congregations – the Lectors, Worship Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors.

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 Arsenault, Dan Campion, Sheila Creutz, Betty Decker, Asa Decker, Danita Gregory, Betty Hadfield, Paul Kerns, Julie Kraft, Sheila Moss-White, Melissa Rice, 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 Jeanne Kingsbury, 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

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

Come Risen Lord and Deign to Be Our Guest

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- 1 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
thyself at thine own board make manifest
in thine own Sacrament of Bread and Wine.
- 2 We meet, as in that upper room they met;
thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand:
'This is my Body'; so thou givest yet:
faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.
- 3 One body we, one Body who partake,
one Church united in communion blest;
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
- 4 One with each other, Lord, for one in thee,
who art one Savior and one living Head;
then open thou our eyes, that we may see;
be known to us in breaking of the Bread.

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.**

(continued)

**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

Christ for the World We Sing

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- 1 Christ for the World We Sing
The world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal.
- 2 Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost
from dark despair.
- 3 Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.
- 4 Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with joyful song;
the new-born souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

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

*The flowers that beautify our altar today were given by Jean Bertrand
in loving memory of Jeanne Kingsbury.*

Those serving today

Kam Anderson, reader; Lisa DeLong, greeter
Elizabeth Salomé and Deborah Aylesworth, Altar Guild servers
Mary Ellen Eichmann, Flower delivery; Meg Pappas, Coffee hour
On May 29, Bill Lutz will read, Sidney Coursen will greet, Bill Walsman will be the coffee host.

***Thank you to organist Pat Hagel who is back with us for two Sundays while Nancy McCarthy
is on vacation.***

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.

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The Rev. Donna Foughty, Rector
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News and Noteworthy

Rector's Reflections of Gratitude -- This past Wednesday evening was a time of glorious celebration and I thank everyone who prayed, and came, and served, and *celebrated!*

The list is long of those I need to thank, but I will name a few, and if I miss you, please know I am forever thankful for your support to make our service and reception on Wednesday the joyful celebration it was:

Lisa Berman, for her patience and expertise in producing the order of service, Bill Walsman and Kam Anderson for their support and presentations, all those who presented and read -- Beau Coursen, Bill Lutz, Lisa DeLong, Jennifer Lutz, Karen Butler, Mary Ellen Bowley, Todd Woolley (and for his cleaning and setting up and patience with furniture moving), Deborah Aylesworth (and her altar guild set up), Jennifer Lutz, Cathy Walsman, Meg Pappas, Betty Ann Waldo, and the many others who did such a wonderful job with the reception. Last but not least, for certain Nancy McCarthy and the choir. You all were wonderful – members of St. Christopher's choir who came were impressed.

If I missed someone, know that you are most appreciated and loved. Now, let us go forward in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia. --Mother Donna

Rides Needed – our long-time member, Mary Ellen Bowley, is in need of a ride to and from church on Sundays from her home just down the street at the Melrose, 601 MA-28, Harwich Port starting next Sunday. Please contact Lisa Berman in the church office to volunteer: christchurchharwichport@comcast.net, 508-432-1787.

Free Covid test kits -- Jennifer Lutz has donated some at-home Covid test kits that are free for anyone who wants one. They are 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. 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. **We could use some donated "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 several church members are part of the cadre of helpers for the Deckers and they are now all set.

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.