

HOLY EUCHARIST

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – ROGATION SUNDAY

MAY 5, 2024, 9:00AM

Christ Church Episcopal

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Karen Butler, Treasurer; Lisa Delong, Assistant Treasurer; Bob Lawton, Clerk

James Creutz, Jennifer Lutz, and Elaine Mason, Members

Sharing Christ's love in the world and creating a nurturing place for all.

Prelude

Prelude on 'Love Divine'

James C. Knox/setting by Charles Callahan

Processional

As Those Of Old Their First Fruits Brought

#705 Hymnal 1982

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.

God is with us, here we find new life.

The Collect of the Day

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 minister continues

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight for the blind and liberty for those who are oppressed.

Gloria

Glory to God: Gloria in Excelsis

#S280, Canticle 20 Hymnal 1982

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.

The Proclamation

The Readings

A Reading from Acts¹

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

¹ Acts 10:44-48

A reading from The First Epistle of John²

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

O Love Of God, How Strong and True

#455 Hymnal 1982

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John³

Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord

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

² 1 John 5:1-6

³ John 15:9-17

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.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

The Prayers of the People

Periods of silence may be kept.

Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation: for our world,
the heavens tell of your glory;

for our land, its beauty and its resources,
for the rich heritage we enjoy.

We pray for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,
that we may use your gifts responsibly;

for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,
that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors and marvel at your creation;

for artists, scientists and visionaries,
that through their work we may see creation afresh.

We thank you for giving us life;
for all who enrich our experience.

We pray for all who are deprived of fullness of life,
for prisoners, refugees, and those who are sick;

We especially remember Sandy Allard, Mike Andolina, George Arsenault, Bob, Judy, and Chris Axner, Sherry Barker, Dan Clark, Betty Hadfield, David Hardiman, Pat Hart, Meredith Hatchard, Terry Hill,

Bradley Jugler, Julie Kraft, John McGinn, Meghan McGoldrick, Jack and Jill McLaughlin, George Meadows, Sheila Moss-White, Darwin Price, Rich, Stephen Shuart, Meg Smith, Rick Strawn, Dave Truesdale, Patti Watson, Bob Wright, and Michael Curry.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for those in politics, especially President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, our Congress, as well as those in medical science, social and relief work. We pray as well for your Church, especially for our bishops -- Justin Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our presiding bishop, our bishops Alan and Carol, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons. We pray for our diocese as we prepare to elect a new bishop. In the Anglican cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Churches of the Concord River Deanery including St. Anne's in-the-Fields Church of Lincoln, St. Paul's Church of Natick, Trinity Chapel of Shirley, St. Mark's Church of Southborough, and congregational acolytes,
and for all who seek to bring life to others.

Give to the departed eternal rest, including those who have died through violence.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We thank you for all the blessings of this life, including those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially Ann Brown (May 9).
We will exalt you, O God our king.

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.
Give us reverence for life in your world.

We thank you for your redeeming love;
may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.

God, Creator, bring us new life.
Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.

Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.

Blessed are you, God of growth and discovery; yours is the inspiration that has altered and changed our lives; yours is the power that has brought us to new dangers and opportunities. Set us, your new creation, to walk through this new world, watching and learning, loving and trusting, until your kingdom comes.
Amen.

The Peace

All standing, the priest says to the people

The peace of God be with you all.

In God's justice is our peace.

Christ calls us to live in unity.

We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.

Please exchange a sign of peace with each other.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Anthem: *Celtic Laud*

Craig Courtney

Presentation of the Gifts

The presiding priest says

God of all creation, you bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. By your Holy Spirit this bread and wine will be for us the body and blood of Christ.

All you have made is good. Your love endures for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant The Spirit of God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift your hearts to heaven

People **where Christ in glory reigns.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God.

People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you make us human and stay with us even when we turn from you to sin.

God's love is shown to us: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

In your mercy you are now our God. Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people

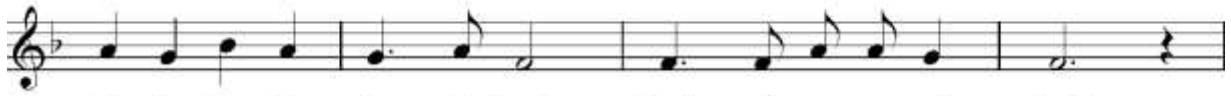
after your own heart. We entrust ourselves to you, for you alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and say:

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All glory to you, Giver of life sufficient and full for all creation. Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; 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, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way, our access to you, Father, and source of all new life. In Christ we offer ourselves to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God. Amen.

Silence may be kept.

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

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 priest breaks the bread in silence and then says

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The Invitation

Lifting the bread and cup, the priest invites the people, saying

Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

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

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

- 1 O blessed spring, where Word and sign
embrace us into Christ the Vine:
here Christ enjoins each one to be
a branch of this life-giving Tree.
- 2 Through summer heat of youthful years,
uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
sustained by Christ's infusing rain,
the boughs will shout for joy again.
- 3 When autumn cools and youth is cold,
when limbs their heavy harvest hold,
then through us, warm, the Christ will move
with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.
- 4 As winter comes, as winters must,
we breathe our last, return to dust;
still held in Christ, our souls take wing
and trust the promise of the spring.
- 5 Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree,
be praised for this blest mystery:
that Word and water thus revive
and join us to your Tree of Life.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.

Silence may be kept.

The Dismissal of the Community**Blessing**

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith .and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever.

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

O Jesus, Crowned With All Renown

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We move to the Memory Garden for the Rogation blessing.

Presider Blessed be the God of all creation:
People **For in your goodness you make all things new.**
Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Gracious God, you open wide your hand and give of your goodness to all things living: Renew the face of the earth and increase the sustainable harvests of the world, that the land may bring forth enough for all, and your people may share justly and give honor to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lover of all you have made: Protect and sustain the creatures of our local habitat. Increase their well-being, watch over them with love, and give us wisdom to honor our kinship with them; through Jesus Christ, the first-born of all creation. **Amen.**

God, whose Spirit moved over the deep: We thank you for the gift of water. Bless the waters on the ground and under the ground, and the waters that fall from the sky, and the ocean that surrounds us. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

God, who alone provides seed for the sower and bread for the eater, you have taught us to ask of you our daily bread: Bless the sowing of the seed this year, grant fertility to the soil, and strengthen the hands of the gardeners who till it, that through their labor your people may be nourished; through Jesus Christ, the bread of life. **Amen.**

Holy God, you have blessed our plowing and preparing of the ground: Protect what we plant and bring it to maturity, that we and others may enjoy a fruitful harvest; through Jesus Christ our Sustainer. **Amen.**

The Presider and People then say

Holy One: Bless and protect our gardens and all who keep them. Strengthen and uphold them in their labor, that these plants may bear good fruit and our care for the earth may witness to your love and justice; in the name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity. Amen.

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Voluntary on 'Roeder' God of the Sparrow*

Carl Schalk
setting by Franklin D. Ashdown

Those serving in today's service

Bob Lawton, reader; Sandy Allard, greeter, TBD, usher
TBD, Lay Eucharistic Minister; Betty Ann Waldo, coffee host
Sidney Coursen, flower delivery

For Sunday, May 12

Lisa DeLong, reader; Elaine Mason, greeter, TBD, usher
TBD, Lay Eucharistic Minister; Lisa DeLong, coffee host
Deborah Aylesworth, flower delivery

News and Noteworthy

In just two short weeks, on May 19, is the Feast of Pentecost,
the Glorious celebration of the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

As we did last year, we would like to share the Good News in a variety of languages. Please let me know as soon as possible if you know another language that you would be willing to share a sentence or two of scripture in. I will provide the appropriate translation.

Pentecost is also a traditional day for baptisms. If you know someone -- or a family with a child -- to be baptized, please let me know immediately. --Mother Donna

Upcoming Events

May 6, 7 Parish Admin Lisa B. out of office
May 10, 8-11:00am Parish Hall in use for wedding weekend brunch
May 10, 7:00pm Outer Frequencies Band Night in Parish Hall

Ongoing

Tuesdays, 12:00pm Book Lovers' Gathering (Current book: *Poisonwood Bible*, Barbara Kingsolver)
Wednesdays, 5:00pm Contemplative Service with Taizé music
Thursdays, 5:00pm Choir rehearsal

BLOOD DRIVE TUESDAY 5/7 10:40AM – 5:00PM HARWICH POLICE DEPARTMENT