



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

MAY 10, 2026, 9:00AM

Christ Church Episcopal

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Janet Cassidy, Jennifer Lutz, Deb Schwabe, Cathy Walsman, Members

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

All spoken texts for this liturgy are contained within this printed Service Bulletin; people's parts in **BOLD**.
Hymns are found in The Hymnal 1982 (blue, hardcover) or Wonder, Love, and Praise (WLP - green, softcover)
in the pew rack in front of you. Additional music will be included either printed in the Bulletin or on an Insert.
Service Music, designated by "S", is found in the front section of The Hymnal 1982.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Beginning on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Prelude Voluntary on Roeder Franklin D. Ashdown

Insert God of the Sparrow* Tune: Roeder

The Easter Acclamation

Presider: 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.**

Hymnal S-280 Gloria in excelsis Robert Powell

The Collect of the Day BCP p. 225

Presider: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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.**

A Reading from the book of Acts (17:22-31)

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of

your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:7-18 *read responsively by whole verse*

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be
heard;
8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our
backs.
11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of
refreshment.
12 I will enter your house with burnt-
offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I
was in trouble.
13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,
*
and I will tell you what he has done
for me.
15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my
prayer.
18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected
my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

A Reading from the first letter of Peter (3:13-22)

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah,

during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymnal 516

Come down, O Love divine

Tune: *Down Ampney*

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (14:15-21)

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Rev. Sue Lederhouse

The Nicene Creed *all standing, as you are able*

BCP p. 358

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

BCP p. 387

The Intercessor and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church:

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 all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

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;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

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 the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Pakistan. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the churches of the Concord River Deanery: Church of the Good Shepherd, Acton; St. Andrew's Church, Ayer; Trinity Church, Concord; St. Andrew's Church, Framingham; and the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for George Arsenault, Chris Axner, Deborah Aylesworth, Michael Bassett, Julianne Bellows, Sam Bennett, Ann Brown, The Carlin Family, F. T. Clark, Sam Cohen, Beau Coursen, Sidney Coursen, Laura DeCaprio, Wendy Fournier, Amelia Goodfield, Betty Hadfield, Shelley Hamm, Nancy Hardiman, Pat Hart, Paul Horvath, Donna Jacobs, Randy Joiner, Bradley Jugler, Cindy Jugler, Pat MacKinnon, Paul Madonna, Cliff Manchester, Stephen Mazzur, Marc Pleva, Ron Ruggiero, Kimberly Schoener, Stephen Shuart, Lyle Sullivan, Kathleen Vogt, Dianne Wade, and Debby Waugh; and for those we name now, either aloud or in the quiet of our hearts.

Silence

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

The Presider adds the concluding Collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of God be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Those celebrating a birthday or anniversary are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Offertory Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

Hymnal 188

Love's redeeming work is done

Tune: *Savannah*



1 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; where, O death, is now thy sting?
3 Soar we now where Christ has led, fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head;



Death in vain for - bids him rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once he died our souls to save, where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Savannah, from Harmonia Sacra, ca. 1760

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer “B”

BCP p. 367

Presider: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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:

Hymnal S-125

Sanctus

Richard Proulx

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Invitation to Communion

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It has been made ready for those who love God and for those who hope to love God more. So come if you have been here often, and come if you have not been here long. Come if you have followed, and come if you have stumbled. Come because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who seek him will meet him here at His table. These are the gifts of God for all the people of God.

Please follow the Usher's guidance to come forward and either kneel or stand at the altar rail, as you are able.

First, the priest will place the wafer/bread (gluten-free on request) in your outstretched hand. The Eucharistic Minister will then offer you the cup (containing wine), from which you are invited to sip. If you prefer, you may carefully intinct (dip) the wafer in the cup. If you are unable or prefer not to receive from the cup, simply cross your arms over your chest and the Eucharistic Minister will say the words "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation" in front of you. Please be assured that no matter how you receive – bread and wine, bread or wine only, or spiritually, you will receive the full grace of the Sacrament. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament today, you are invited to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a Blessing in the name of the One God.

Hymnal 416

For the beauty of the earth

Tune: *Lucerna Laudoniae*

Post-communion Prayer *in unison*

BCP p. 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Easter 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.**

Announcements

Hymnal 291

We plow the fields, and scatter

Tune: *Wir pflugen*

The Dismissal

Presider: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Voluntary

Recessional on *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Donald Hustad

*The flowers that beautify our altar today were given in memory of
Jim Stroh by Janet Cassidy.*

Thank you to those serving today

Mary Ellen Eichmann, lector/intercessor; Sandy Allard, Meg Pappas, greeters/ushers
Karen Butler, Lay Eucharistic Minister
Jennifer and Bill Lutz, coffee fellowship; Deborah Aylesworth (or sub), flower delivery
Elizabeth Salomé, Deborah Aylesworth, Leslie Meier, Altar Guild servers

Those serving on May 17

Janet Cassidy, lector/intercessor; Al and Mary Ann Richards, greeters/ushers
Bob Lawton, Lay Eucharistic Minister
Jean Bertrand and Karen Butler, coffee fellowship; Mary Ellen Eichmann, flower delivery
Elizabeth Salomé, Deborah Aylesworth, Leslie Meier, Altar Guild servers

News & Noteworthy

Dates of Note

- Sunday, May 17, 10:30am – Vestry meeting

Ongoing

- Tuesdays, 12:00pm – Book Lovers' Gathering; the current book is a biography of Eleanor Roosevelt by David Michaelis
- Thursdays, 5:00pm -- choir rehearsals

Office Hours -- Week of May 10 – Tuesday–Friday, 10:00–2:00pm

100th Anniversary

Time Capsule -- Please continue adding items you would like to have placed in the time capsule!

100 Acts – Please continue to note your acts of kindness on a tag and hang them on the branches of our “tree.” Our goal is 100 acts of kindness. Examples: helping a friend, giving a ride to someone in need, donations to Family Pantry, etc. Don't be shy; kindness is contagious!

Noah's Ark Thrift Shop -- We have put out spring/summer clothing! Please remember us for donations when you are getting your spring/summer clothes out -- we can use them now!

Building Use – Outside Groups

- Saturdays, 7:30pm – AA meeting

LITTLE FEET PAJAMA DRIVE

🧸 *Helping little feet stay warm at night* 🧸

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are collecting **NEW children's pajamas** to support families served by the **Monomoy Early Childhood Family Resource Center**.

☀️ BE PART OF OUR 100 ACTS OF KINDNESS

Help us celebrate our 100th anniversary by making a meaningful difference in the lives of local children.

🎁 WHAT TO DONATE

- New pajamas (Newborn through Kindergarten or size 5/6)

📅 DONATION DATES

May 3 – May 24 (deposit in the "Pack 'n Play" crib)

♥️ WHY "LITTLE FEET"? ♥️

Because even the smallest acts of kindness leave lasting footprints. 🦶 Your gift brings **comfort, warmth, and dignity** to a child in need.

zzz **GIVE COMFORT. SHARE KINDNESS.**



🦶 ONE PAIR OF PAJAMAS AT A TIME 🦶

